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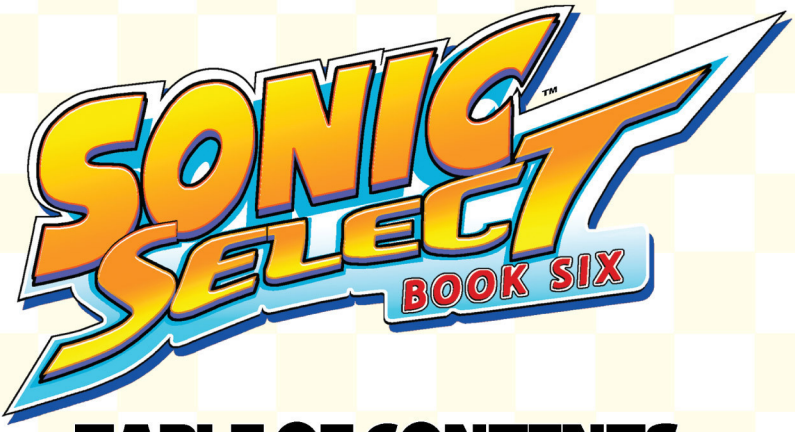

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King Acorn is turning to crystal, and it's up to Sonic and Tails to find a cure! As they split up, Sonic uncovers the tragic fate of the High Flying Freedom Fighters, while Tails makes an even more startling discovery! Will the Death Egg's launch go unchallenged?

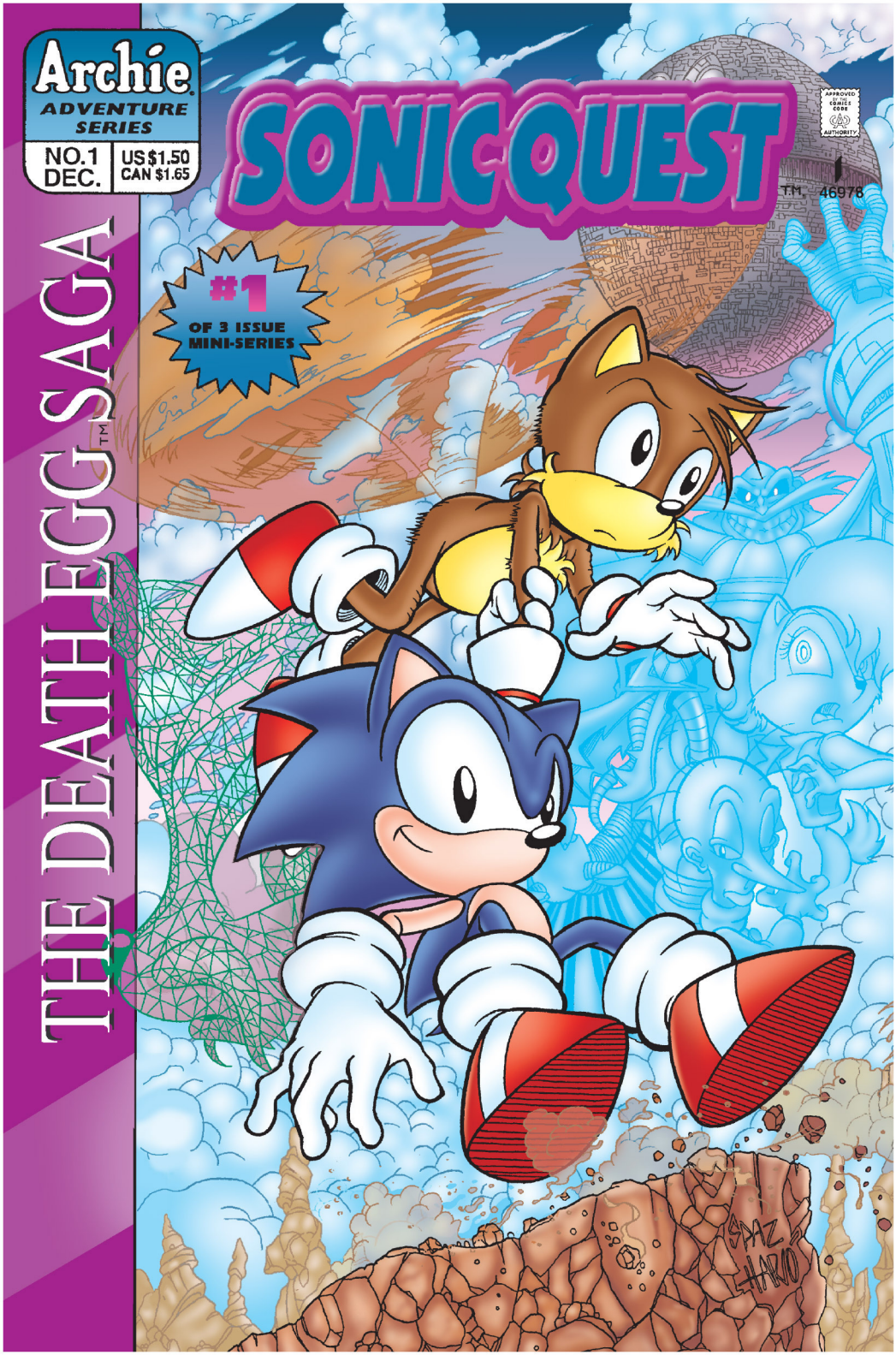
"The Death Egg Saga: Poached" (Sonic Quest #2):
Sonic and Tails struggle to recover as the Death Egg prepares to attack Mobius! Dr. Robotnik wants more fuel for his flying fortress and sets his sites on the Floating Island and its Chaos Emerald! Will Knuckles and the Chaotix be enough to stop him?

"The Death Egg Saga: Over Easy" (Sonic Quest #3):
The Death Egg is plunging the Floating Island into the ocean! The towering Silver Sonic guards the battle station's interior! Dr. Robotnik has donned his impervious battle-armor, the Eggs-o-Skeleton! With time ticking down, it's up to Sonic and Tails to save the day -- somehow!

"Hide and Seek and Destroy!"
(Free Comic Book Day 2010):
Dr. Eggman seems to be gone for good, but Sonic doesn't believe it. As he investigates the ruins of New Mobotropolis, he finds a massive unfinished bunker: the EggDome! Inside waits an old enemy from Sonic's past with the power to end our little blue hero!

Selections From: "Chaos and the Crown"
(Sonic the Hedgehog #224):
Ixis Naugus battles Sonic for the right to rule! The Freedom Fighters try to pin down the traitor Geoffrey St. John! And with all our heroes distracted, Dr. Eggman uses the Blue Chaos Emerald to power his latest, greatest creation!

"The Rematch"
(Free Comic Book Day 2011):
The Death Egg II has launched! Friend and foe stand side-by-side as Sonic and Ixis Naugus prepare for the flying fortress's approach. What happened the last time Sonic and Naugus battled? Can they put their differences behind them and save the day?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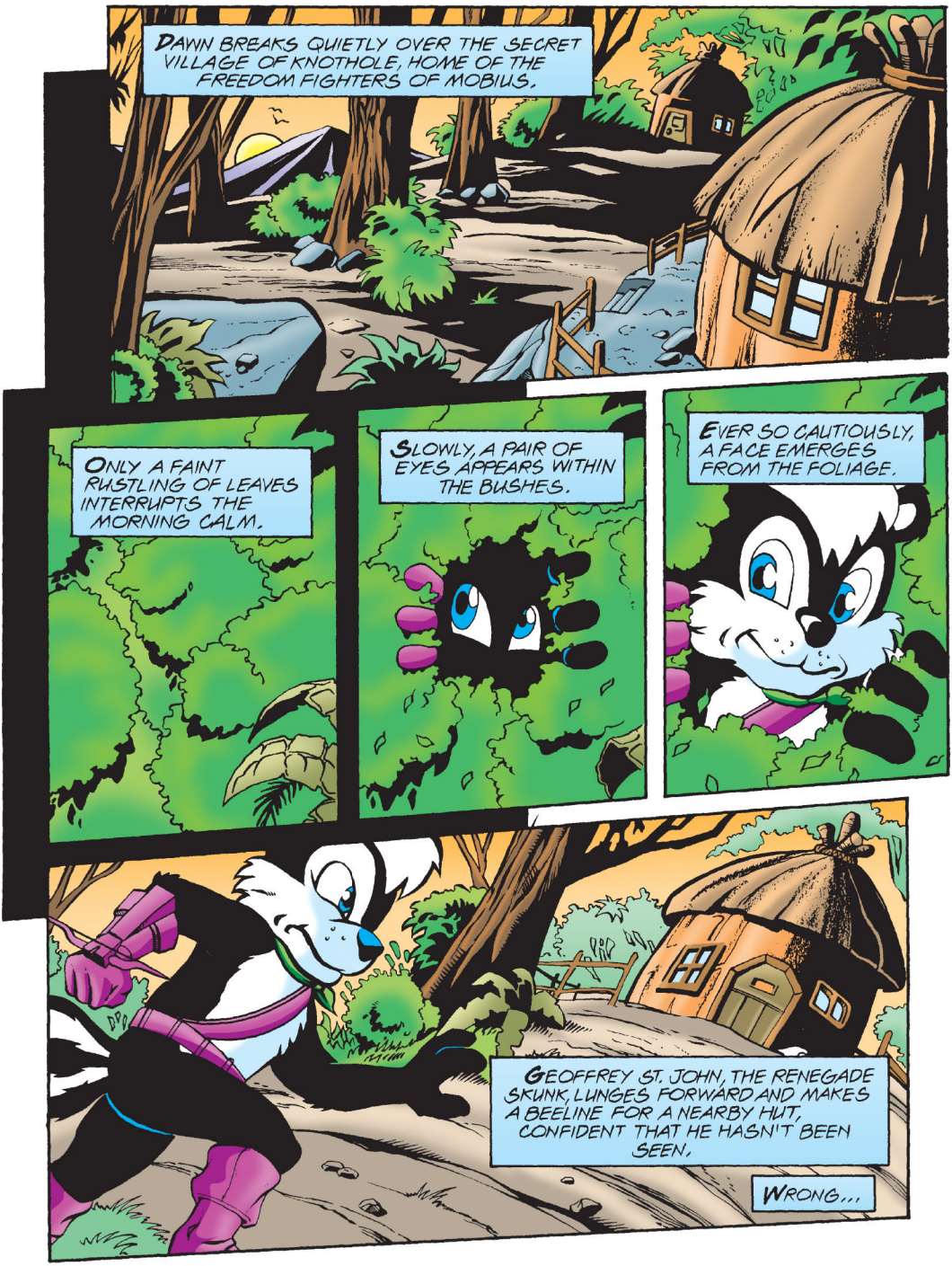
The planet Mobius was like a paradise with the benevolent King Acorn as its ruler... until the coming of the evil Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet... SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious Zone of Silence. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, Princess Sally Acorn and Geoffrey St. John, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always what they seem...


DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.
ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.
SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.
EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.
WRONG...

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GOING SOMEWHERE UNAUTHORIZED, STINKPOT?
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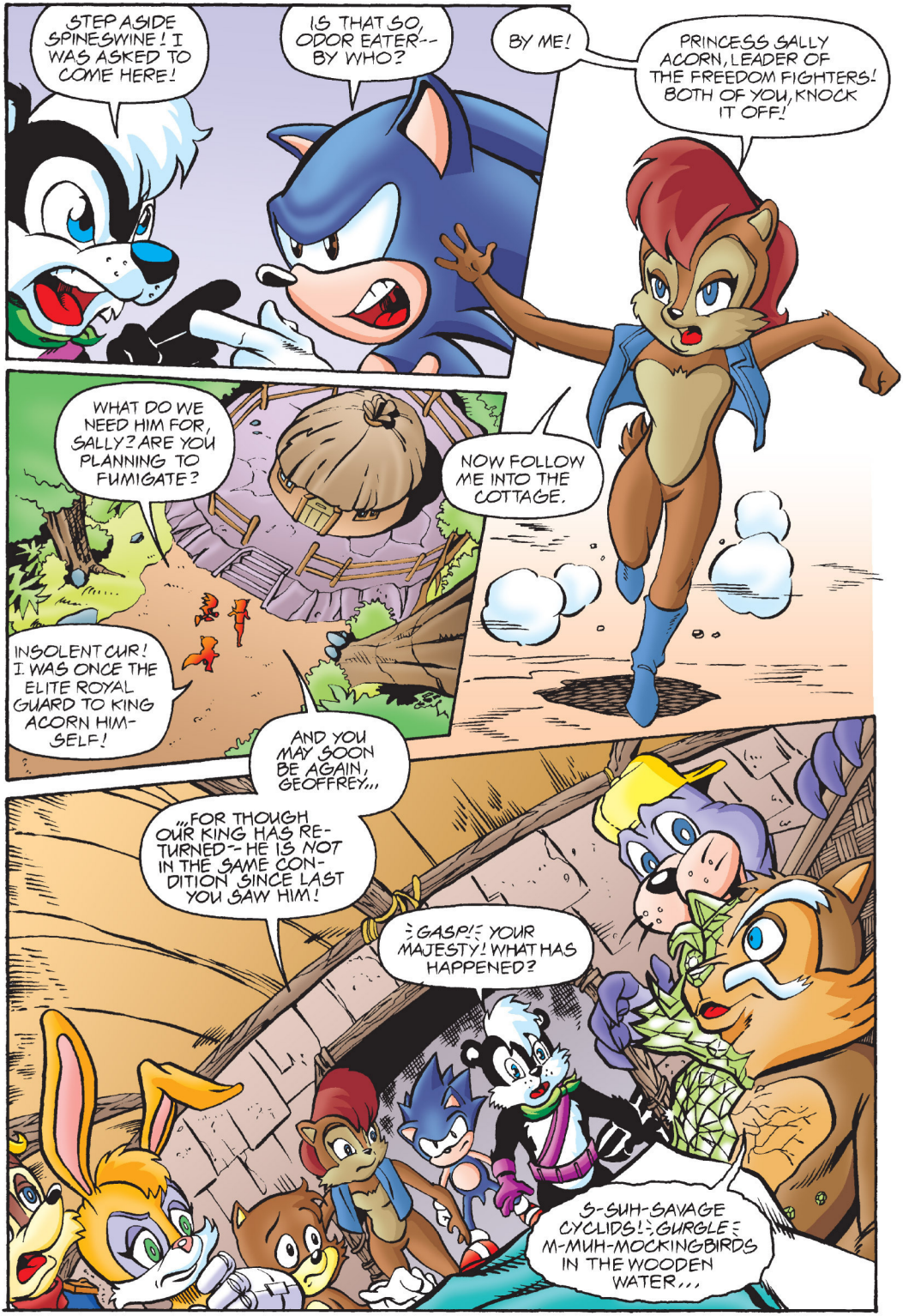
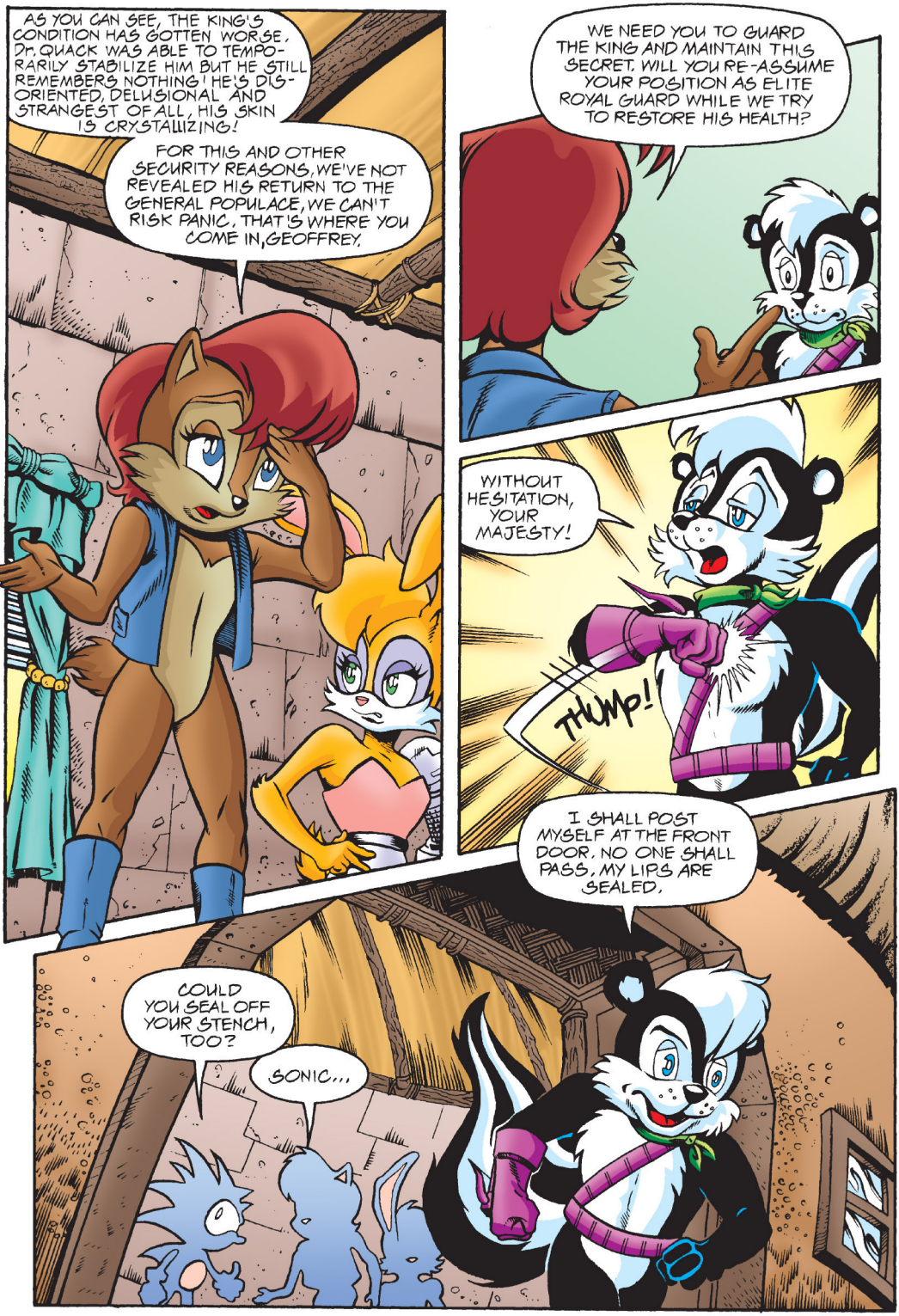
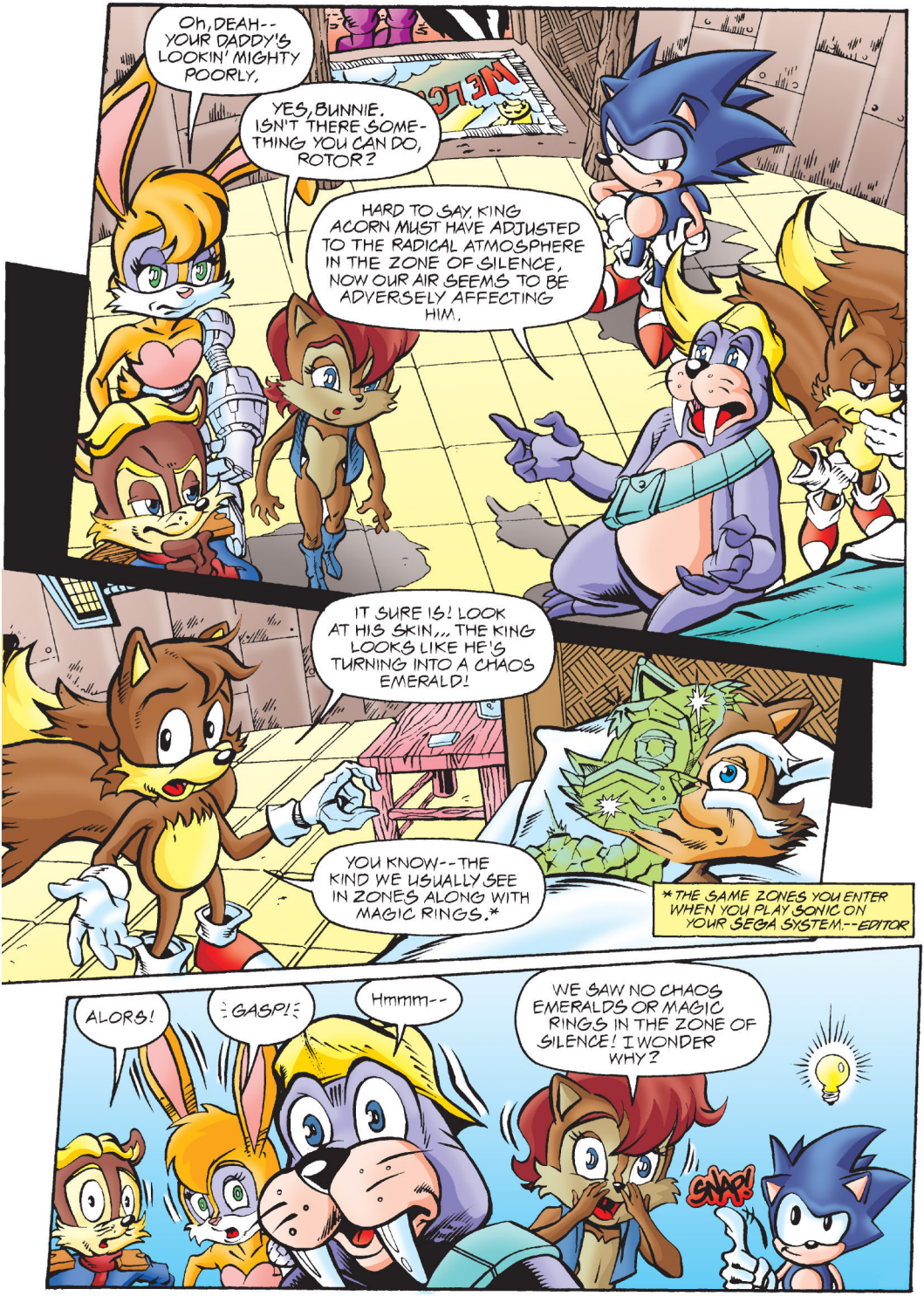
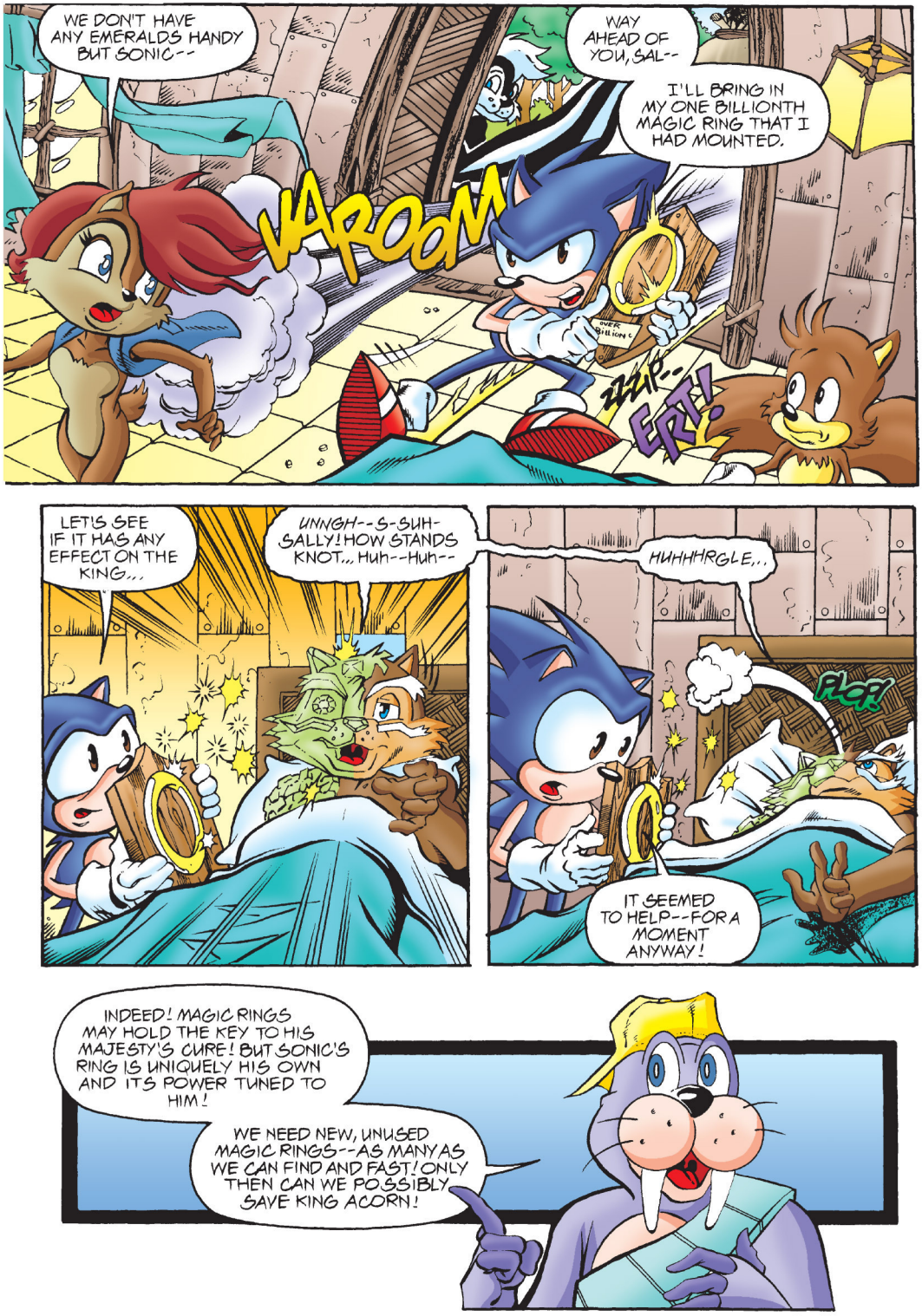

STEP ASIDE SPINESWINE! I WAS ASKED TO COME HERE!
IS THAT SO, ODOR EATER-- BY WHO?
BY ME!
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! BOTH OF YOU, KNOCK IT OFF!
WHAT DO WE NEED HIM FOR, SALLY? ARE YOU PLANNING TO FUMIGATE?
NOW FOLLOW ME INTO THE COTTAGE.
INSOLENT CUR! I WAS ONCE THE ELITE ROYAL GUARD TO KING ACORN HIMSELF!
AND YOU MAY SOON BE AGAIN, GEOFFREY...
"...FOR THOUGH OUR KING HAS RETURNED-- HE IS NOT IN THE SAME CONDITION SINCE LAST YOU SAW HIM!
=GASP!= YOUR MAJESTY! WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
S-SUH-SAVAGE CYCLIDS! =GURGLE= M-MUH-MOCKINGBIRDS IN THE WOODEN WATER...

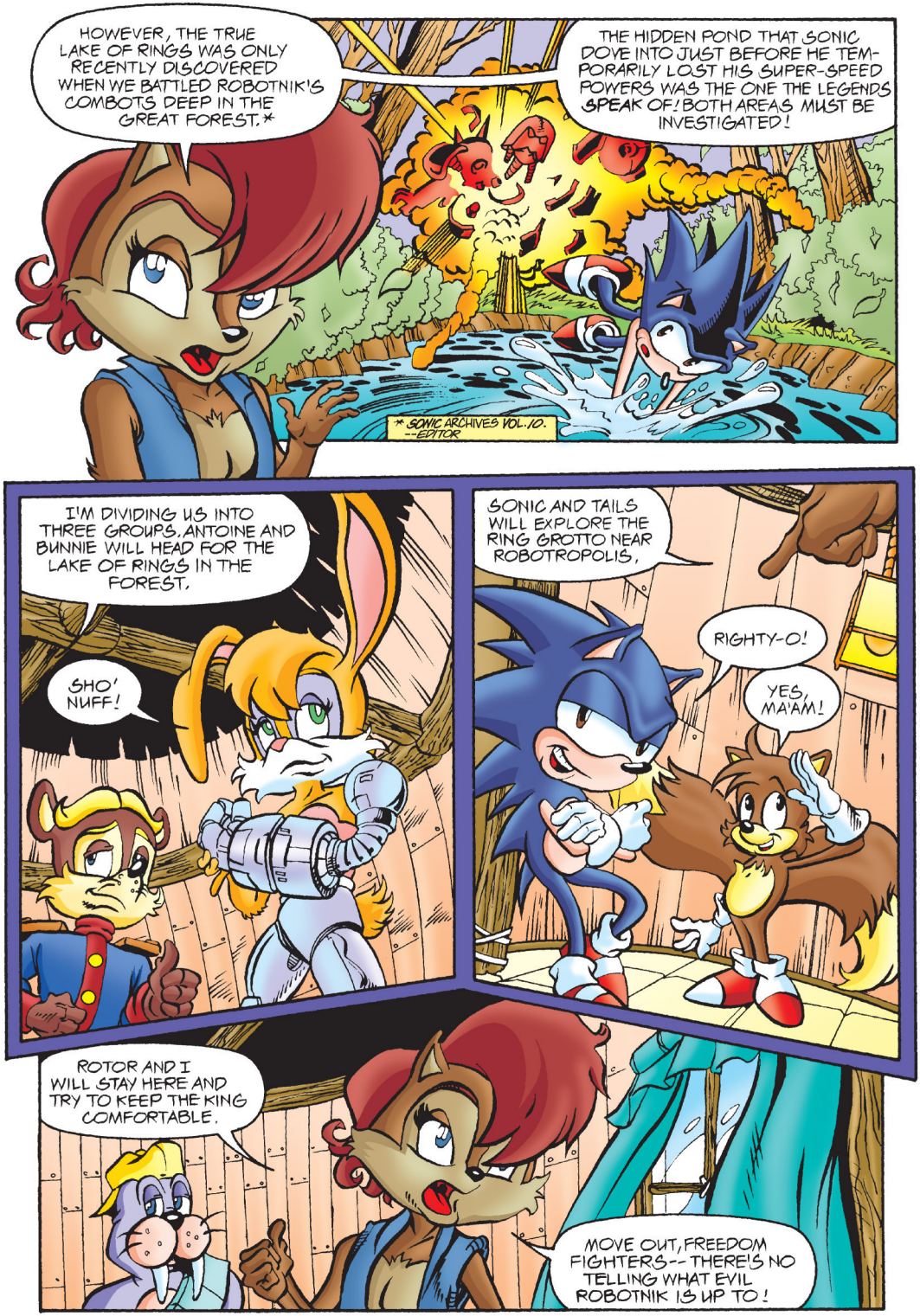
Oh, GEOFFREY! SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED AROUND HERE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...
"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE OUR PREMIER FREEDOM FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!
"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND. SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT UNDER WAY.
GUILTY
YUP!
"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID. WE BARELY ESCAPED.
"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"*
"RECAPPING EVENTS FROM SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10+// AND SONIC SELECT VOL. 2."

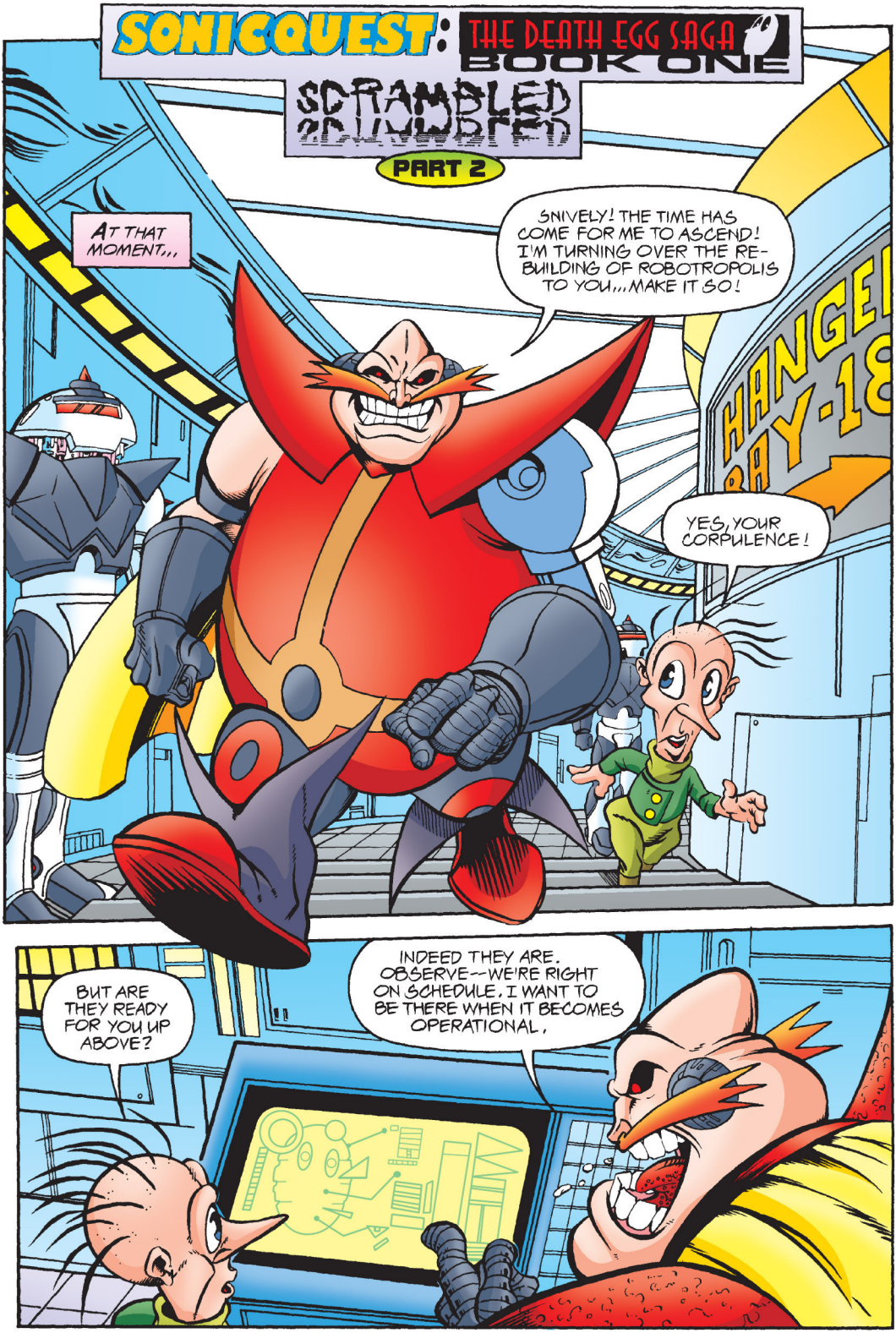

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. Dr. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DISORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!
FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC, THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.
WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH?
WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!
THUMP!
I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.
COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?
SONIC...


Oh, DEAH-- YOUR DADDY'S LOOKIN' MIGHTY POORLY.
YES, BUNNIE. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO, ROTOR?
HARD TO SAY. KING ACORN MUST HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE RADICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE, NOW OUR AIR SEEMS TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTING HIM.
IT SURE IS! LOOK AT HIS SKIN... THE KING LOOKS LIKE HE'S TURNING INTO A CHAOS EMERALD!
YOU KNOW--THE KIND WE USUALLY SEE IN ZONES ALONG WITH MAGIC RINGS.*
*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC ON YOUR SEGA SYSTEM.--EDITOR
ALORS!
:GASP!:
Hmmm--
WE SAW NO CHAOS EMERALDS OR MAGIC RINGS IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE! I WONDER WHY?
SNAP!


WE DON'T HAVE ANY EMERALDS HANDY BUT SONIC--
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, SAL--
I'LL BRING IN MY ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING THAT I HAD MOUNTED.
VAROOM
ZZZP--
ERT!
LET'S SEE IF IT HAS ANY EFFECT ON THE KING...
UNNGH--S-SUH-SALLY! HOW STANDS KNOT... Huh--Huh--
MUHHHRGLE...
FLOP
IT SEEMED TO HELP--FOR A MOMENT ANYWAY!
INDEED! MAGIC RINGS MAY HOLD THE KEY TO HIS MAJESTY'S CURE! BUT SONIC'S RING IS UNIQUELY HIS OWN AND ITS POWER TUNED TO HIM!
WE NEED NEW, UNUSED MAGIC RINGS--AS MANY AS WE CAN FIND AND FAST! ONLY THEN CAN WE POSSIBLY SAVE KING ACORN!

HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!
NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...
GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!
YES AND NO, TAILS, YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*
BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET.
*SEE SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC SEVECT VOL. 2 ! -EDITOR'


HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*
THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DOVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!
* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.10. --EDITOR
I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.
SHO' NUFF!
SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS.
RIGHTY-O!
YES, MA'AM!
ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.
MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!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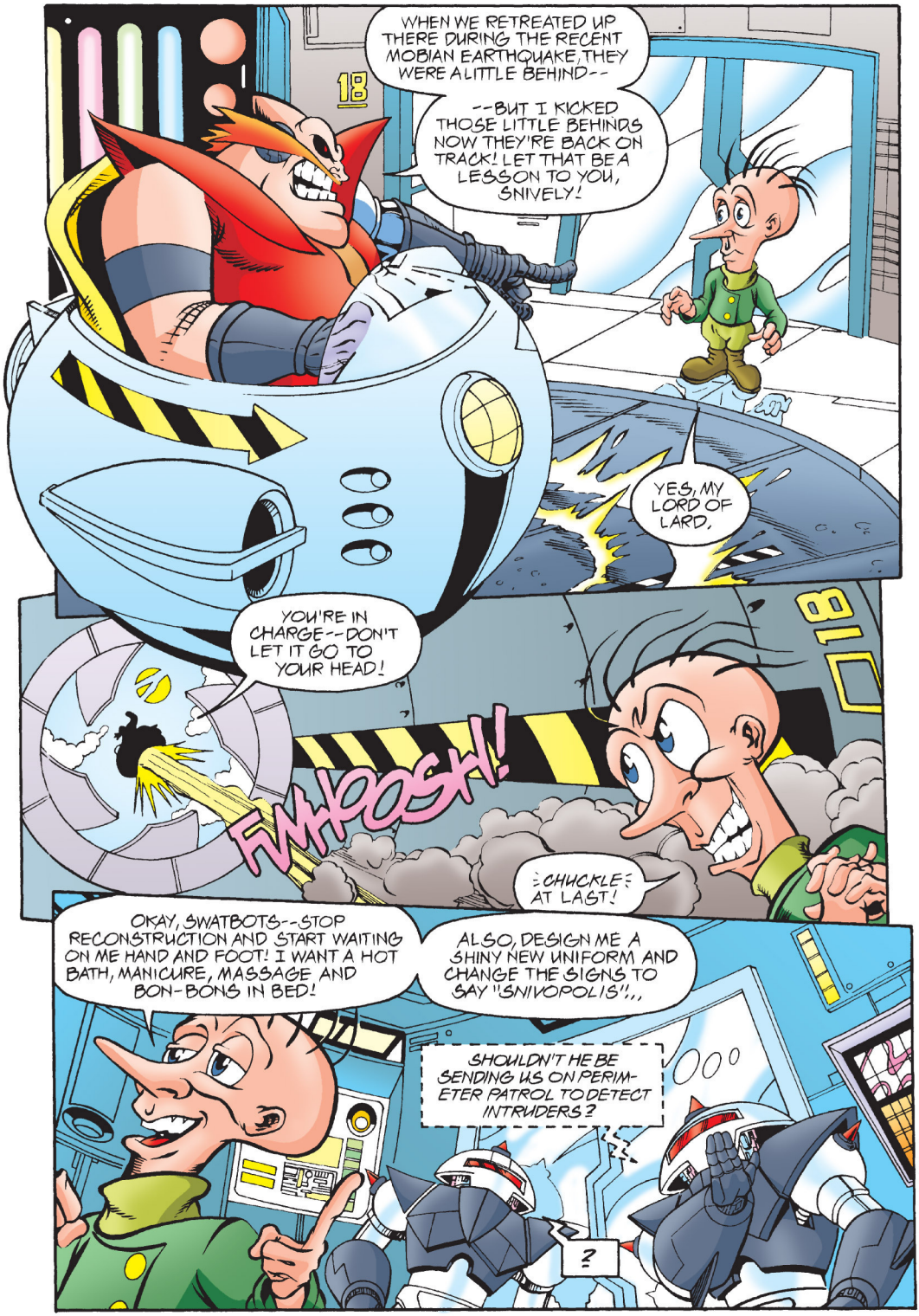
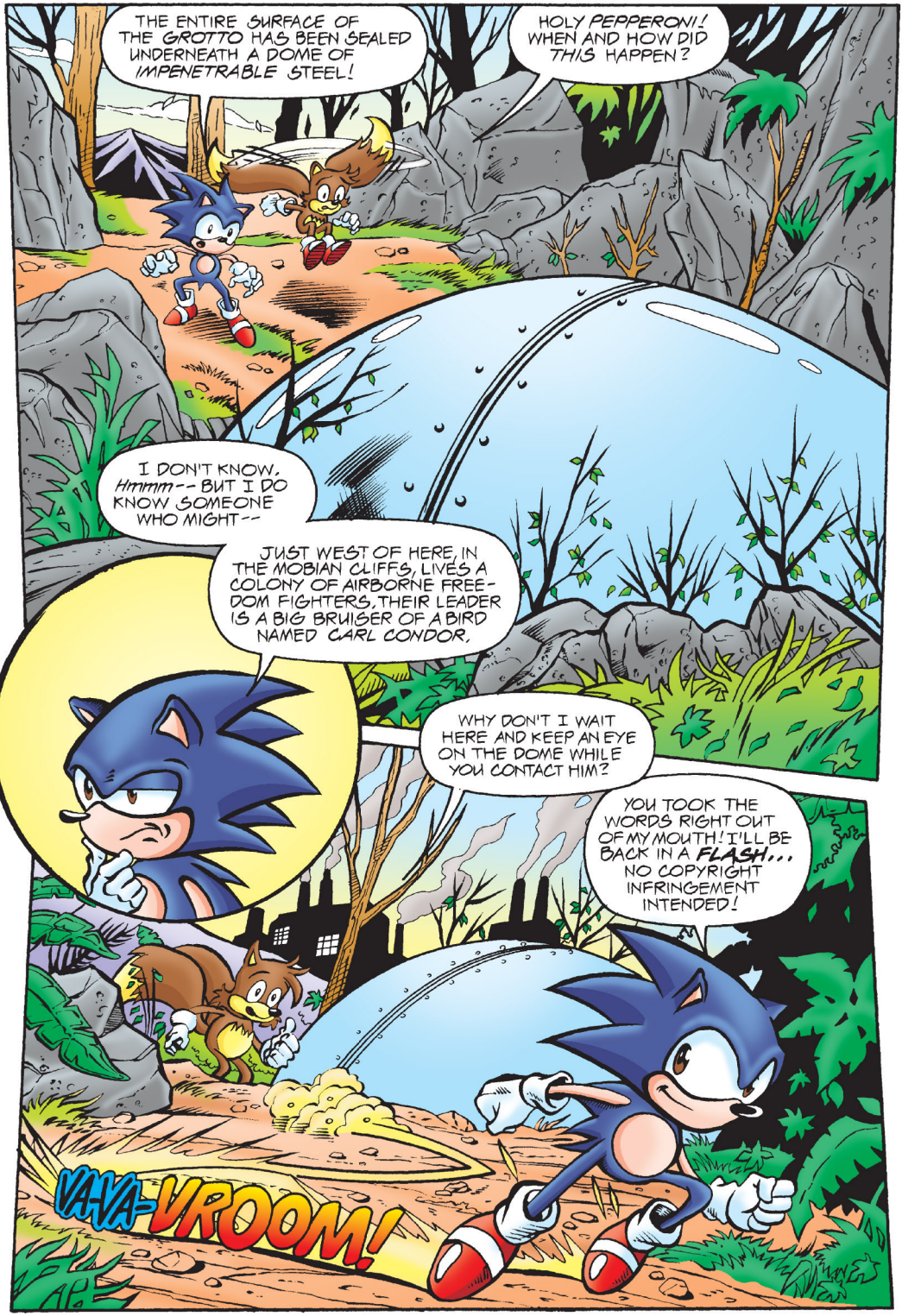
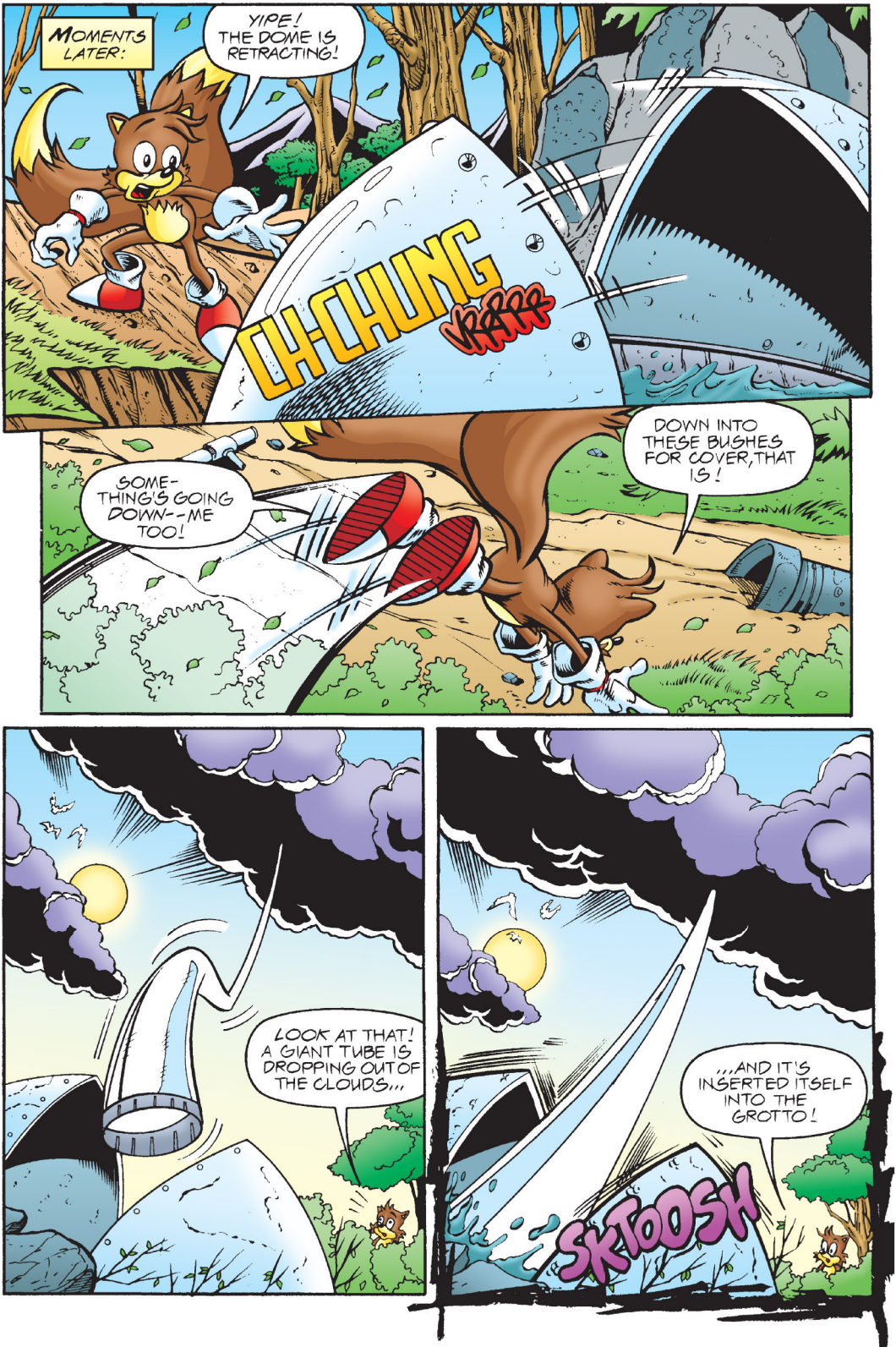
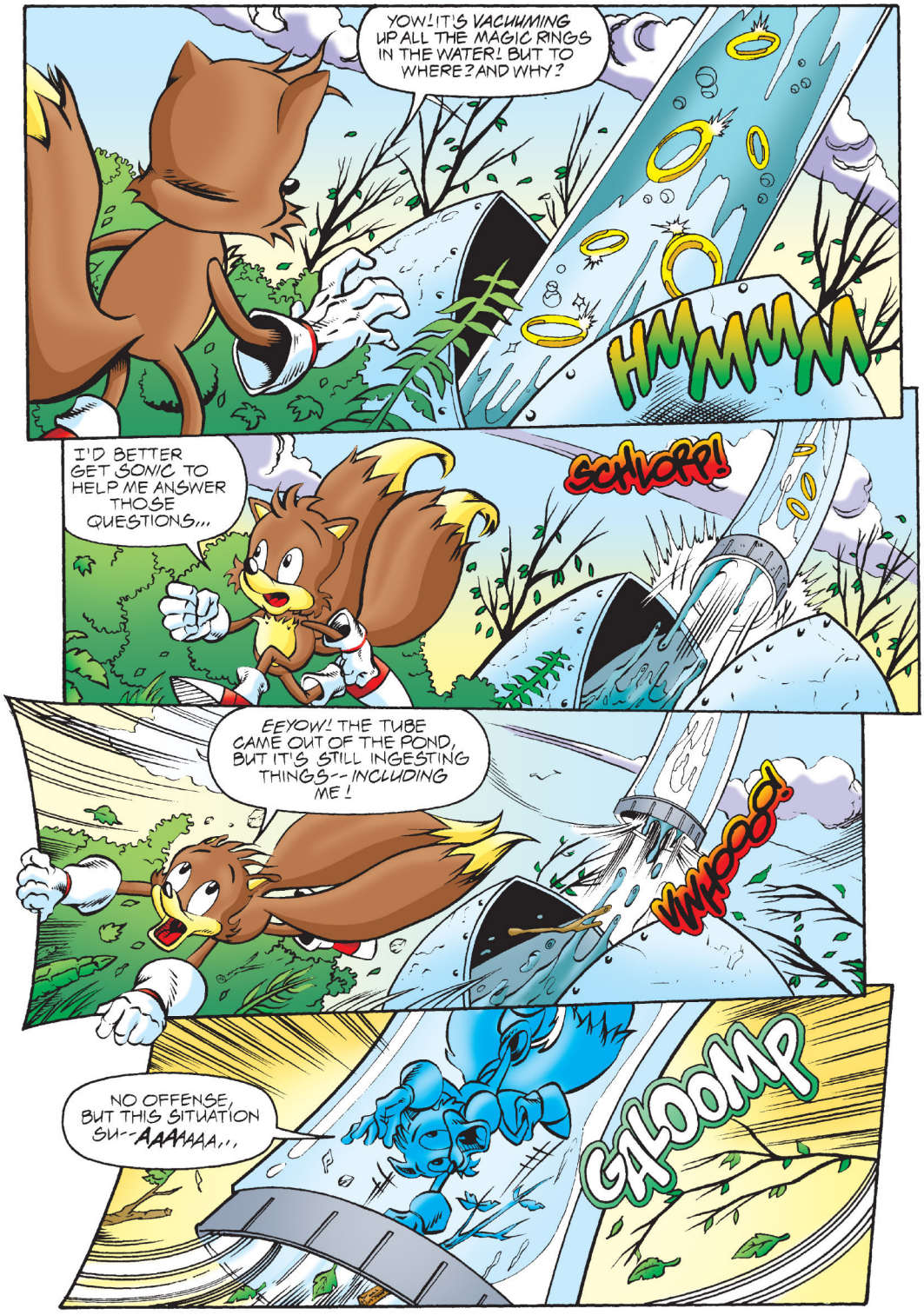
AT THAT MOMENT...
SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ASCEND! I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS TO YOU...MAKE IT SO!
YES, YOUR CORPULENCE!
BUT ARE THEY READY FOR YOU UP ABOVE?
INDEED THEY ARE. OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

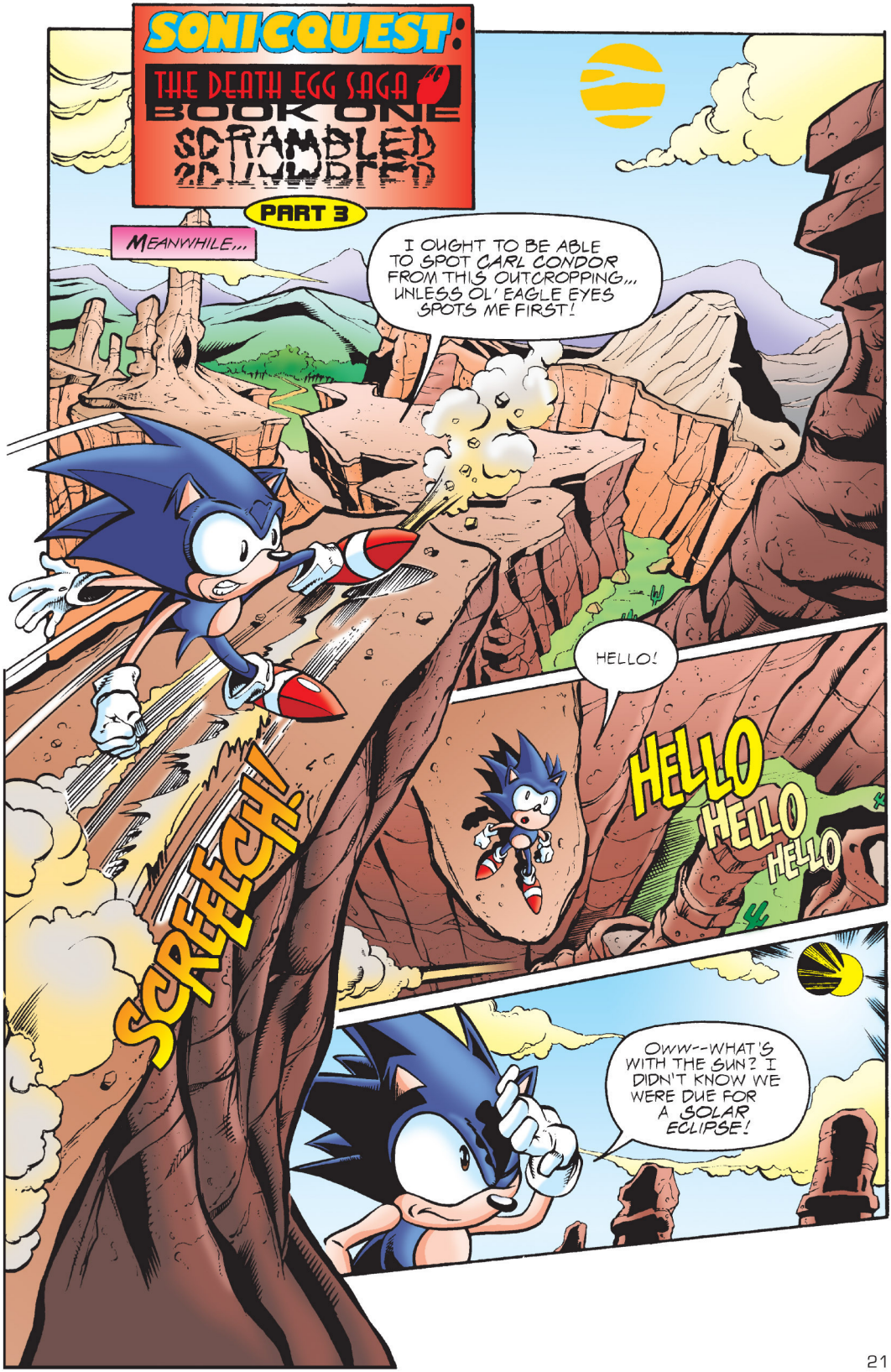

WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--
--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!
YES, MY LORD OF LARD,
YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!
FWHOOSH!
:CHUCKLE: AT LAST!
OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!
ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS"!,,
SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?
?

"INTRUDERS LIKE THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG NAMED--"
SONIC! WE'RE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ...SHOULDN'T WE BE APPROACHING THE POWER RING GROTTO?
TEN-FOUR, LITTLE BUDDY! BUT REMEMBER WHAT SALLY SAID--
AFTER I BECAME SUPER SONIC AND BATTLED HYPER KNUCKLES AROUND HERE, THIS AREA WAS FOREVER CHANGED. ROTOR DOESN'T HAVE ANY CURRENT DATA.
THAT'S BECAUSE THE RECENT MULTIPLE BOMBINGS OF ROBOTROPOLIS REDUCED OUR REMOTE CAMERA TO SLAG--SEE?
SHOOM
SO, WE'D BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!
YOU CAN SAY THAT A-- GOSH! I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THIS!


THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED UNDERNEATH A DOME OF IMPENETRABLE STEEL!
HOLY PEPPERONI! WHEN AND HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
I DON'T KNOW. Hmmm-- BUT I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--
JUST WEST OF HERE, IN THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD NAMED CARL CONDOR.
WHY DON'T I WAIT HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOME WHILE YOU CONTACT HIM?
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH... NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT INTENDED!
VAVA-VROOM!


MOMENTS LATER:
YIPE! THE DOME IS RETRACTING!
CH-CHUNG
VRRRR
SOME-THING'S GOING DOWN--ME TOO!
DOWN INTO THESE BUSHES FOR COVER, THAT IS!
LOOK AT THAT! A GIANT TUBE IS DROPPING OUT OF THE CLOUDS...
...AND IT'S INSERTED ITSELF INTO THE GROTTO!
SKTOOSH


YOW! IT'S VACUUMING UP ALL THE MAGIC RINGS IN THE WATER! BUT TO WHERE? AND WHY?
HMMMMM
I'D BETTER GET SONIC TO HELP ME ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS...
SCHLORP!
EEYOW! THE TUBE CAME OUT OF THE POND, BUT IT'S STILL INGESTING THINGS--INCLUDING ME!
VWOOOSH!
NO OFFENSE, BUT THIS SITUATION SU--AAAAAAA...
GALOOMP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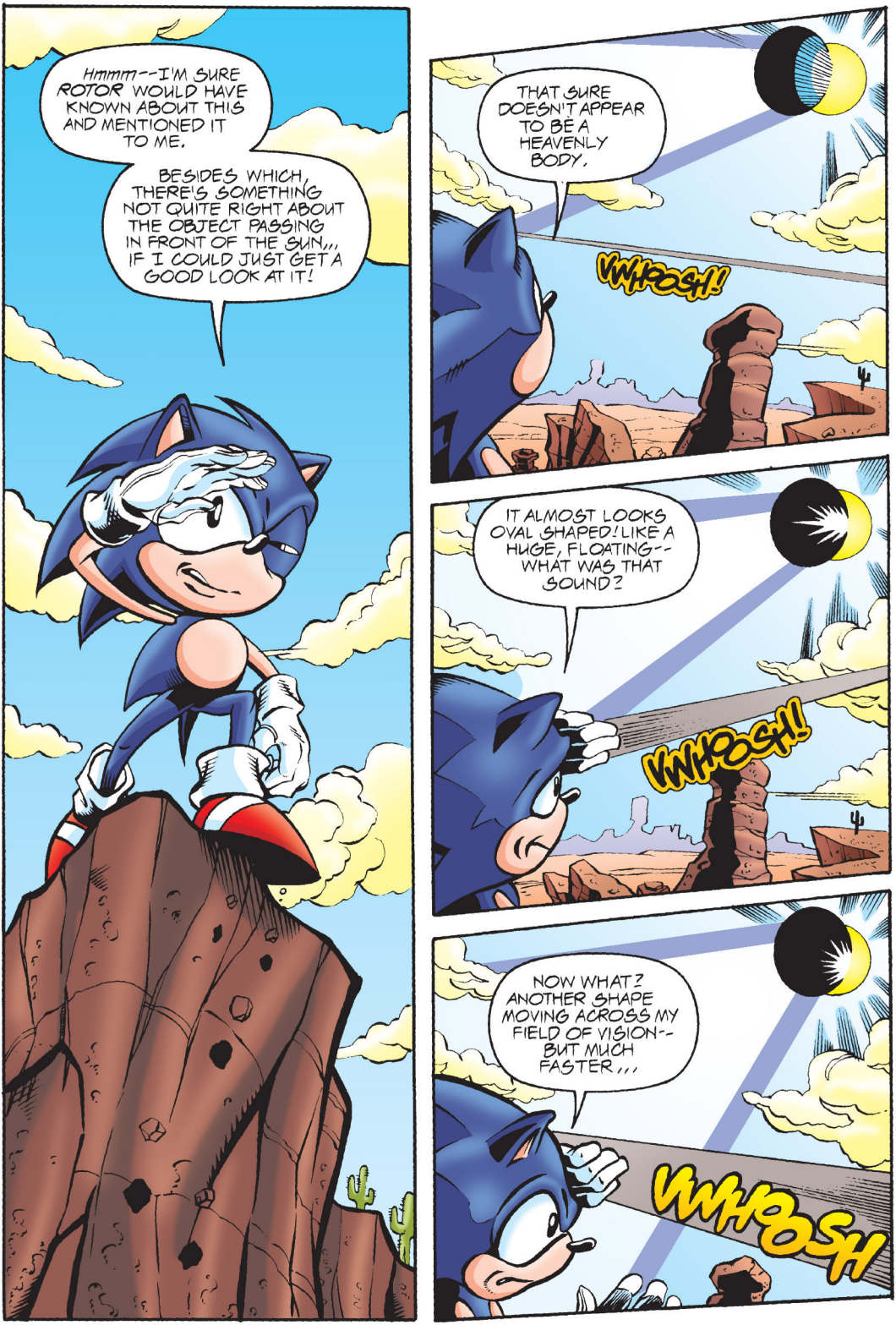
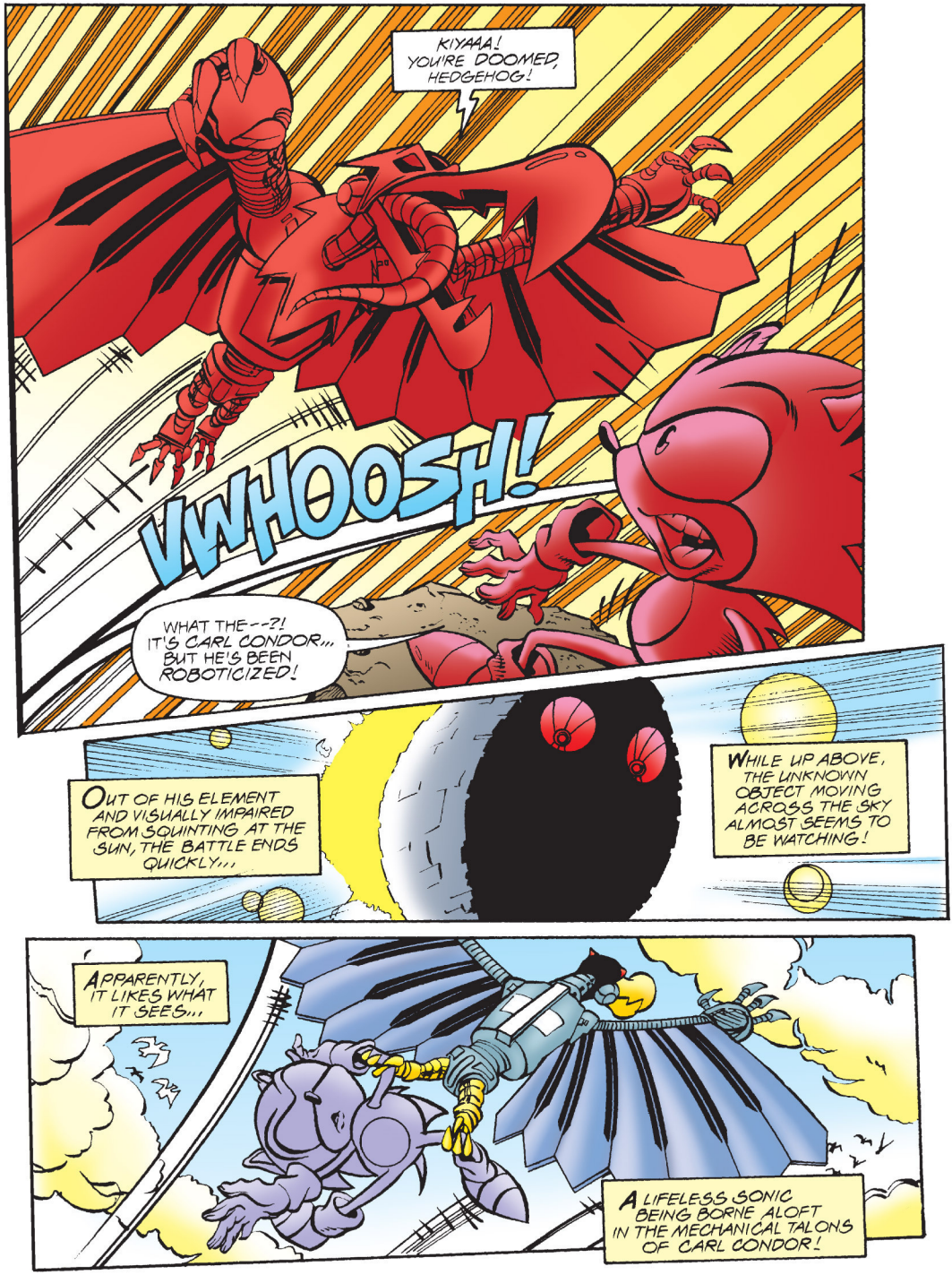
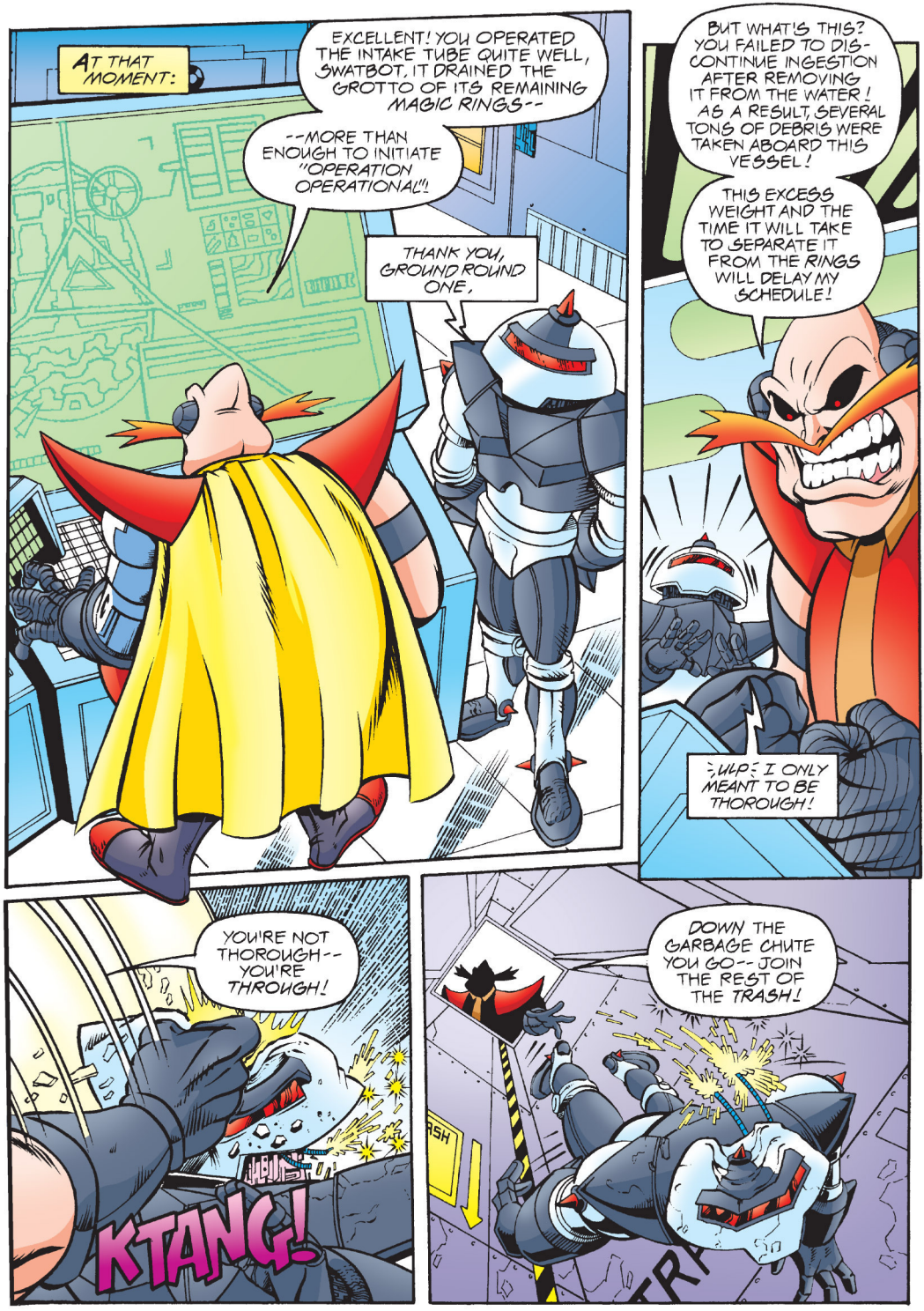
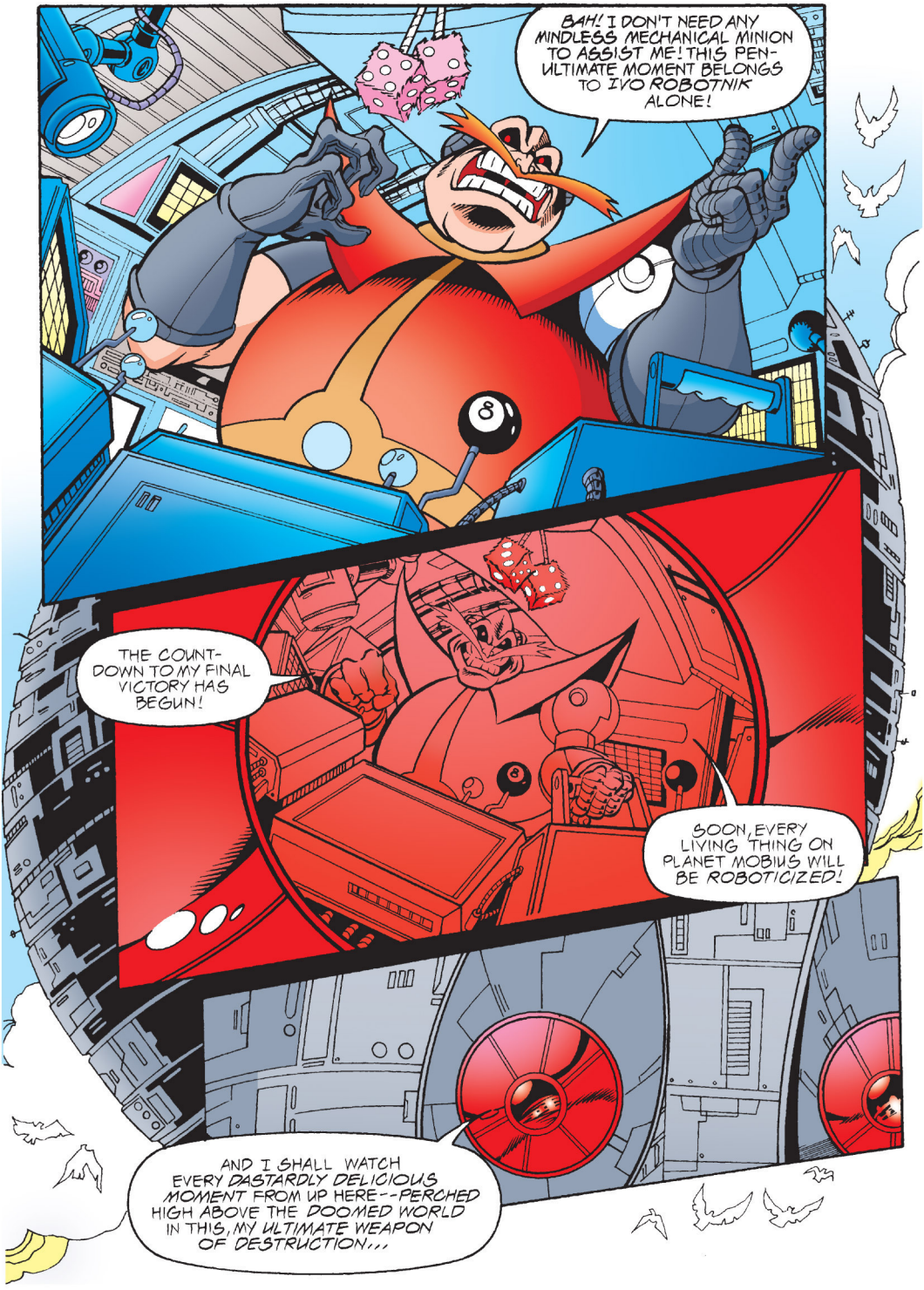
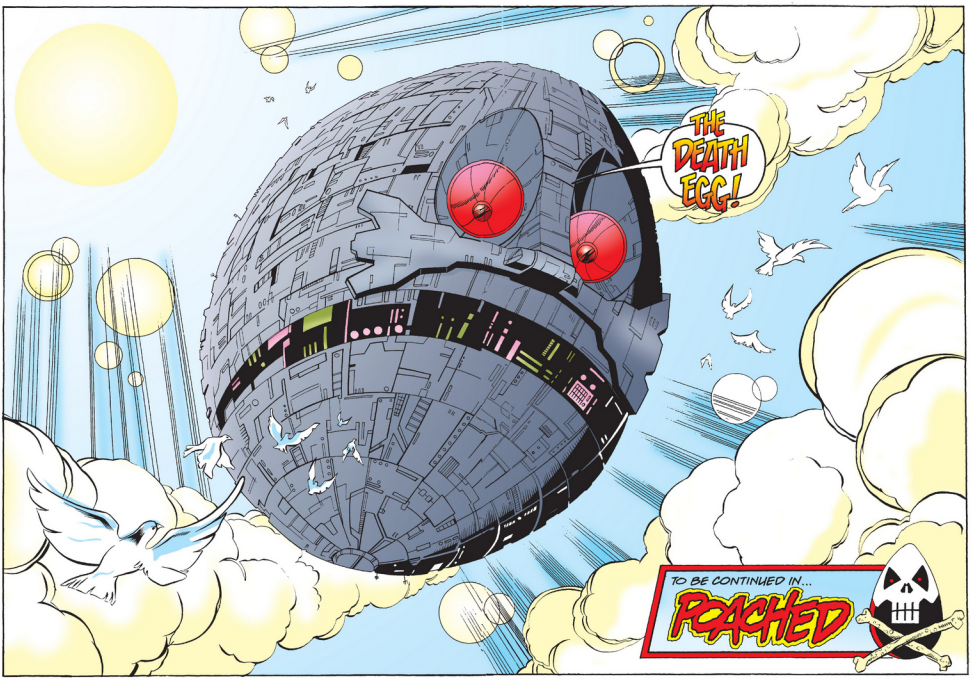
MEANWHILE...
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SPOT CARL CONDOR FROM THIS OUTCROPPING... UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES SPOTS ME FIRST!
SCREECH!
HELLO!
HELLO
HELLO
HELLO
OWW--WHAT'S WITH THE SUN? I DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE DUE FOR A SOLAR ECLIPSE!


Hmmm--I'M SURE ROTOR WOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS AND MENTIONED IT TO ME.
BESIDES WHICH, THERE'S SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THE OBJECT PASSING IN FRONT OF THE SUN,,, IF I COULD JUST GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT!
THAT SURE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A HEAVENLY BODY.
VWHOOSH!
IT ALMOST LOOKS OVAL SHAPED! LIKE A HUGE, FLOATING-- WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
VWHOOSH!!
NOW WHAT? ANOTHER SHAPE MOVING ACROSS MY FIELD OF VISION-- BUT MUCH FASTER,,,
VWHOOSH


KIYAAA! YOU'RE DOOMED, HEDGEHOG!
VWHOOSH!
WHAT THE--?! IT'S CARL CONDOR... BUT HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED!
OUT OF HIS ELEMENT AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FROM SQUINTING AT THE SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS QUICKLY...
WHILE UP ABOVE, THE UNKNOWN OBJECT MOVING ACROSS THE SKY ALMOST SEEMS TO BE WATCHING!
APPARENTLY, IT LIKES WHAT IT SEES...
A LIFELESS SONIC BEING BORNE ALOFT IN THE MECHANICAL TALONS OF CARL CONDOR!


AT THAT MOMENT:
EXCELLENT! YOU OPERATED THE INTAKE TUBE QUITE WELL, SWATBOT, IT DRAINED THE GROTTO OF ITS REMAINING MAGIC RINGS--
--MORE THAN ENOUGH TO INITIATE "OPERATION OPERATIONAL"!
THANK YOU, GROUND ROUND ONE,
BUT WHAT'S THIS? YOU FAILED TO DISCONTINUE INGESTION AFTER REMOVING IT FROM THE WATER! AS A RESULT, SEVERAL TONS OF DEBRIS WERE TAKEN ABOARD THIS VESSEL!
THIS EXCESS WEIGHT AND THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO SEPARATE IT FROM THE RINGS WILL DELAY MY SCHEDULE!
;ULP;- I ONLY MEANT TO BE THOROUGH!
YOU'RE NOT THOROUGH-- YOU'RE THROUGH!
KTANG!
DOWN THE GARBAGE CHUTE YOU GO-- JOIN THE REST OF THE TRASH!


BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS TO IVO ROBOTNIK ALONE!
THE COUNT-DOWN TO MY FINAL VICTORY HAS BEGUN!
SOON, EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED!
AND I SHALL WATCH EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS MOMENT FROM UP HERE--PERCHED HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION...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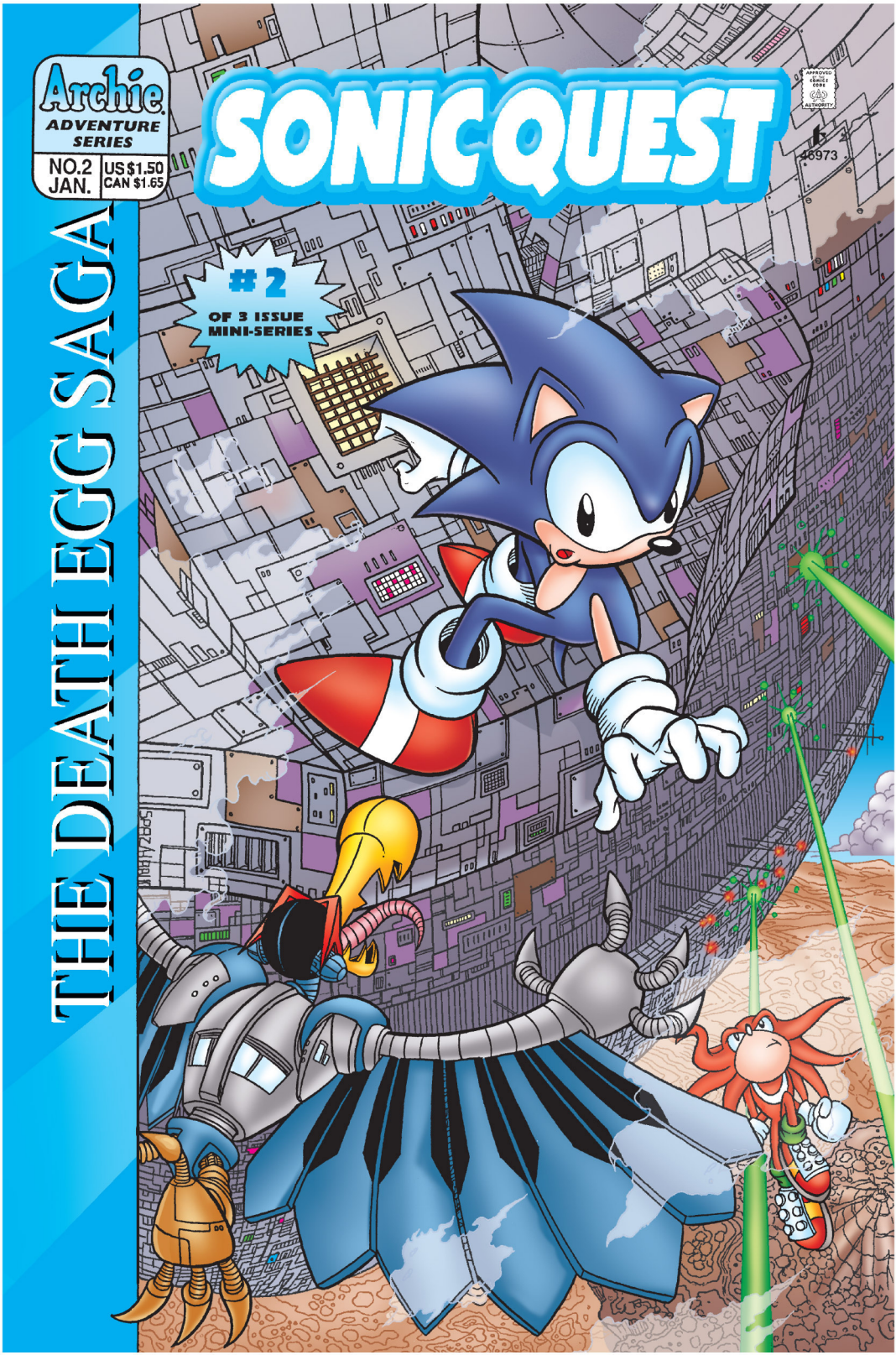
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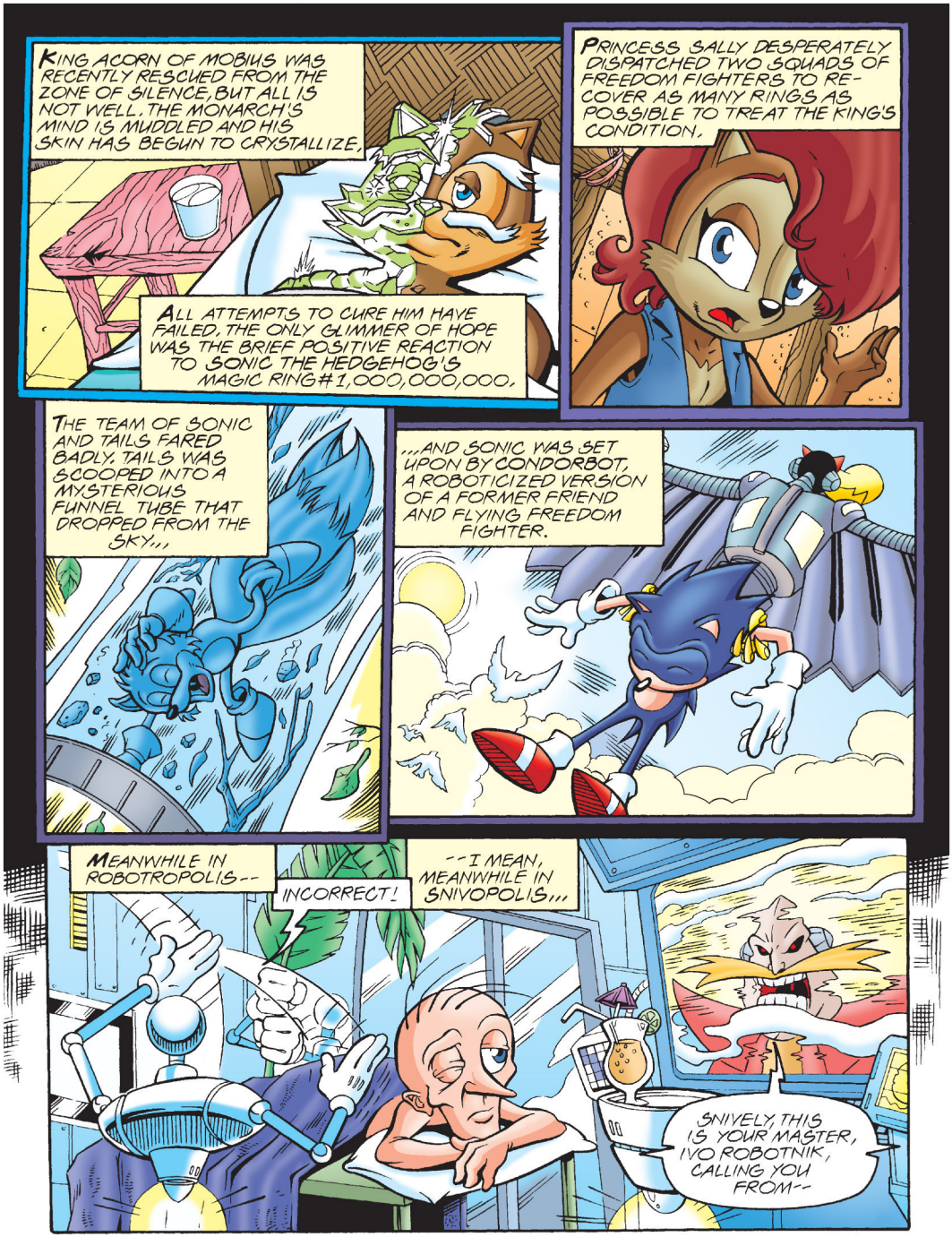
The planet Mobius was like a paradise with the benevolent King Acorn as its ruler... until the coming of the evil Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet... SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Recently, Sonic and his sidekick Tails have taken up a quest for power rings in an attempt to save the king. In their search, they inadvertently stumbled upon Robotnik's new weapon of destruction, The Death Egg! It is capable of roboticizing the entire planet in one fell swoop!

Up against impossible odds, our heroes embark on the adventure of a lifetime...


KING ACORN OF MOBIUS WAS RECENTLY RESCUED FROM THE ZONE OF SILENCE, BUT ALL IS NOT WELL. THE MONARCH'S MIND IS MUDDLED AND HIS SKIN HAS BEGUN TO CRYSTALLIZE.
ALL ATTEMPTS TO CURE HIM HAVE FAILED, THE ONLY GLIMMER OF HOPE WAS THE BRIEF POSITIVE REACTION TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S MAGIC RING #1,000,000,000.
PRINCESS SALLY DESPERATELY DISPATCHED TWO SQUADS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO RE-COVER AS MANY RINGS AS POSSIBLE TO TREAT THE KING'S CONDITION.
THE TEAM OF SONIC AND TAILS FARED BADLY. TAILS WAS SCOOPED INTO A MYSTERIOUS FUNNEL TUBE THAT DROPPED FROM THE SKY...
...AND SONIC WAS SET UPON BY CONDORBOT, A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF A FORMER FRIEND AND FLYING FREEDOM FIGHTER.
MEANWHILE IN ROBOTROPOLIS--
INCORRECT!
--I MEAN, MEANWHILE IN SNIVOPOLIS...
SNIVELY, THIS IS YOUR MASTER, IVO ROBOTNIK, CALLING YOU FROM--

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--THE DEATH EGG!
AT LONG LAST MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION IS NEAR COMPLETION! ONCE FINISHED, I'LL BE ABLE TO ROBOTICIZE THE ENTIRE PLANET BY REMOTE CONTROL FROM ABOVE!
AND HOW IS THE REBUILDING OF MY BELOVED MEGAOPOLIS PROCEEDING?
;GULP; J-JUST FINE, OH OVAL ONE!
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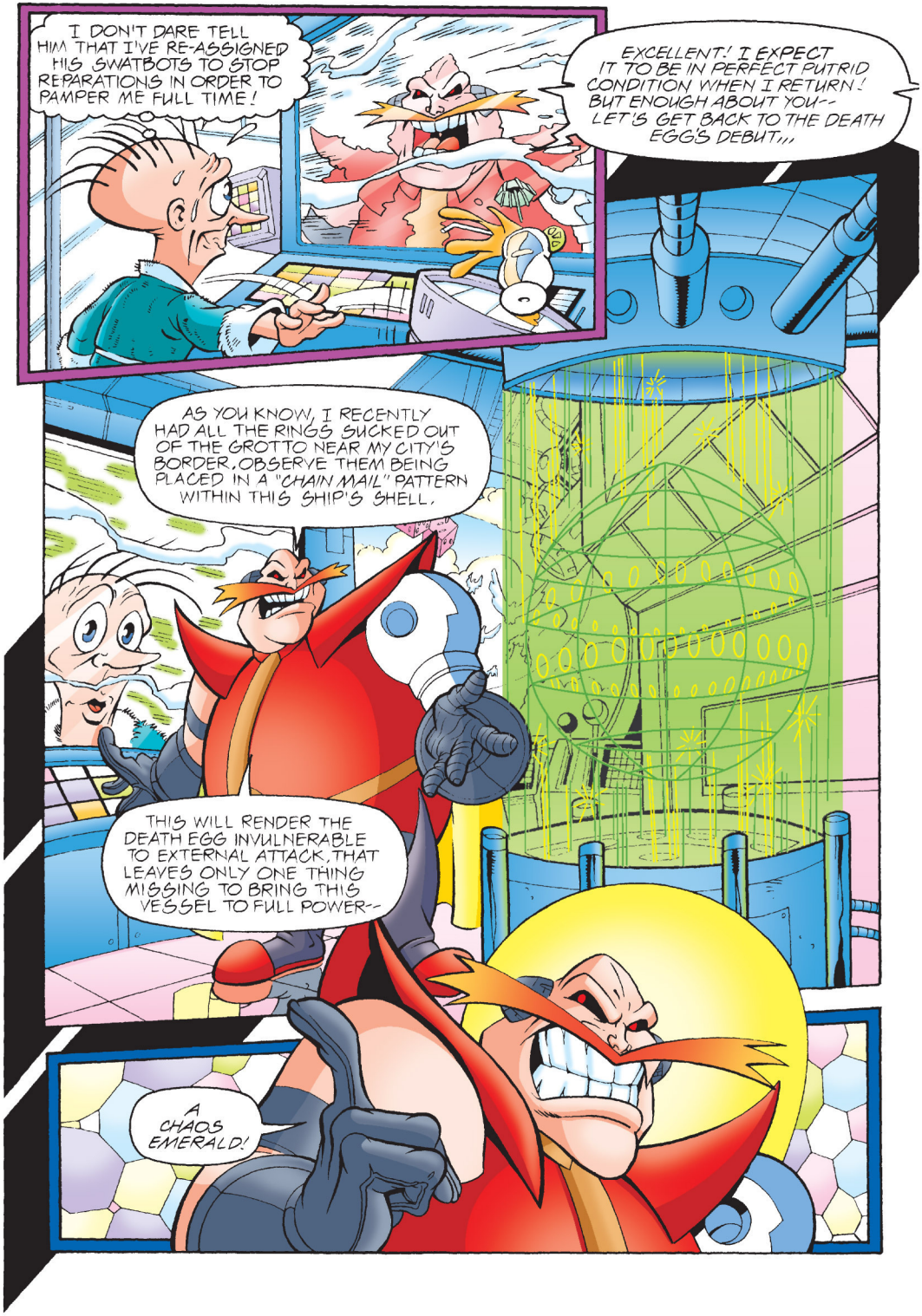
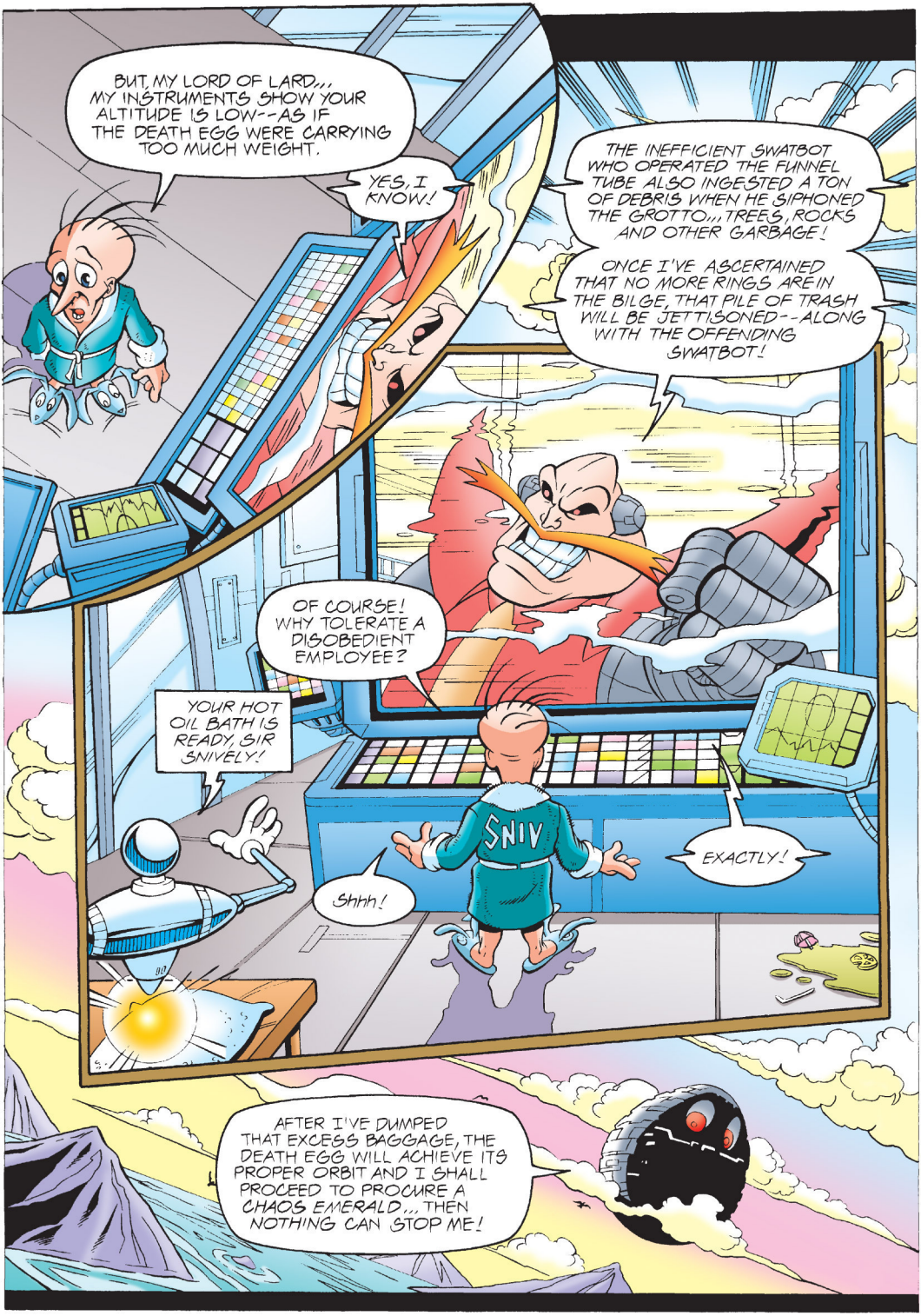
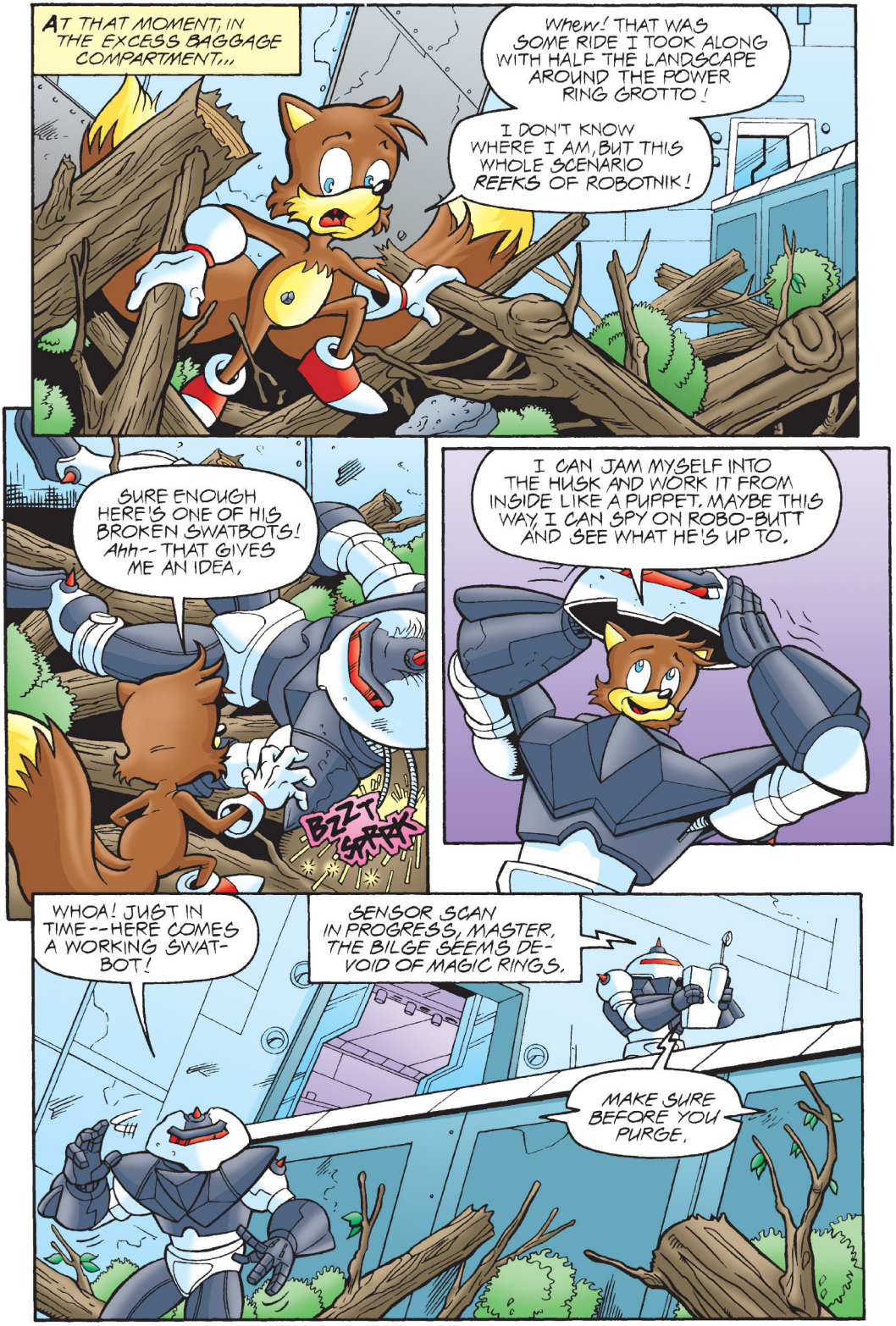
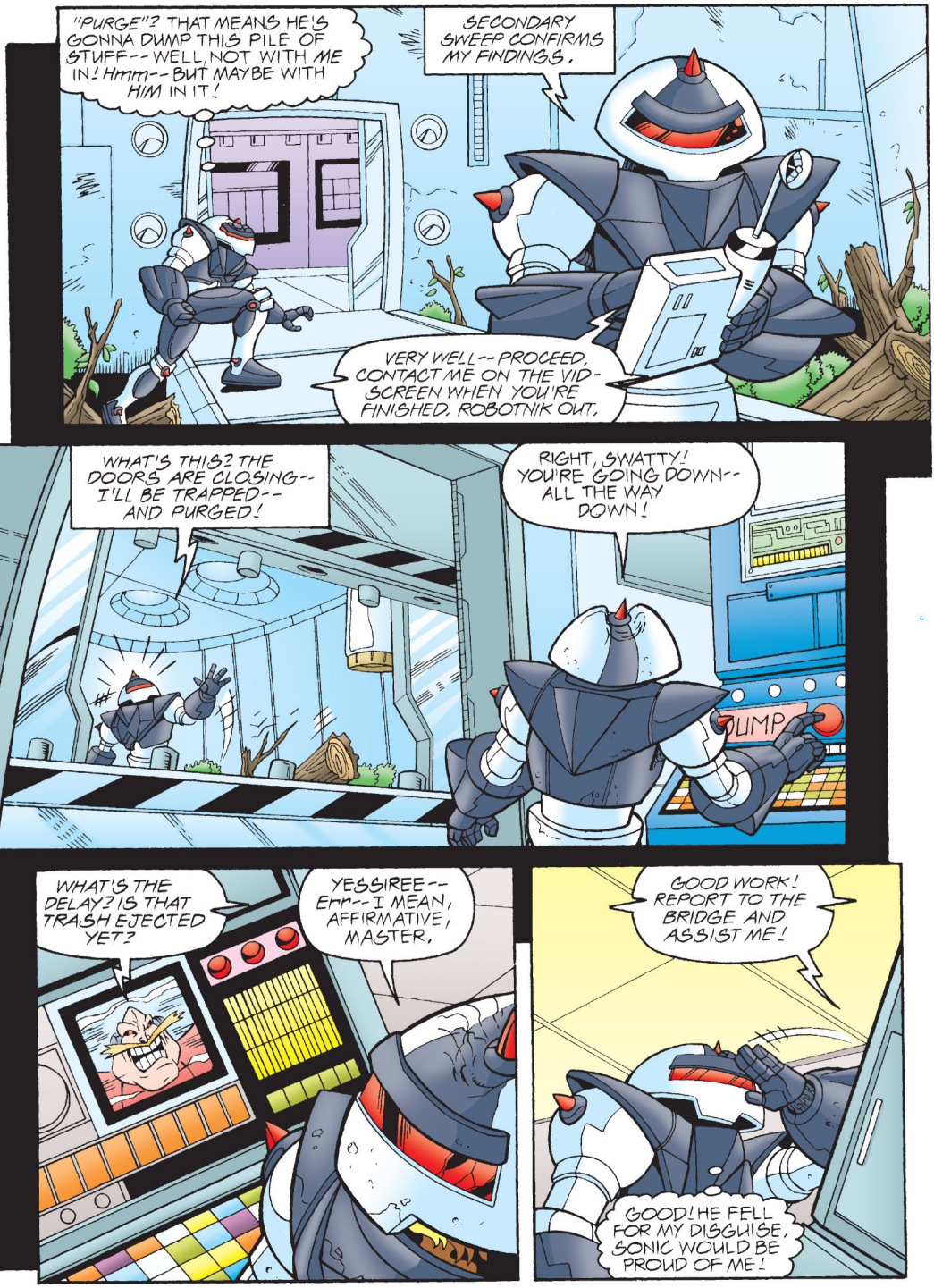
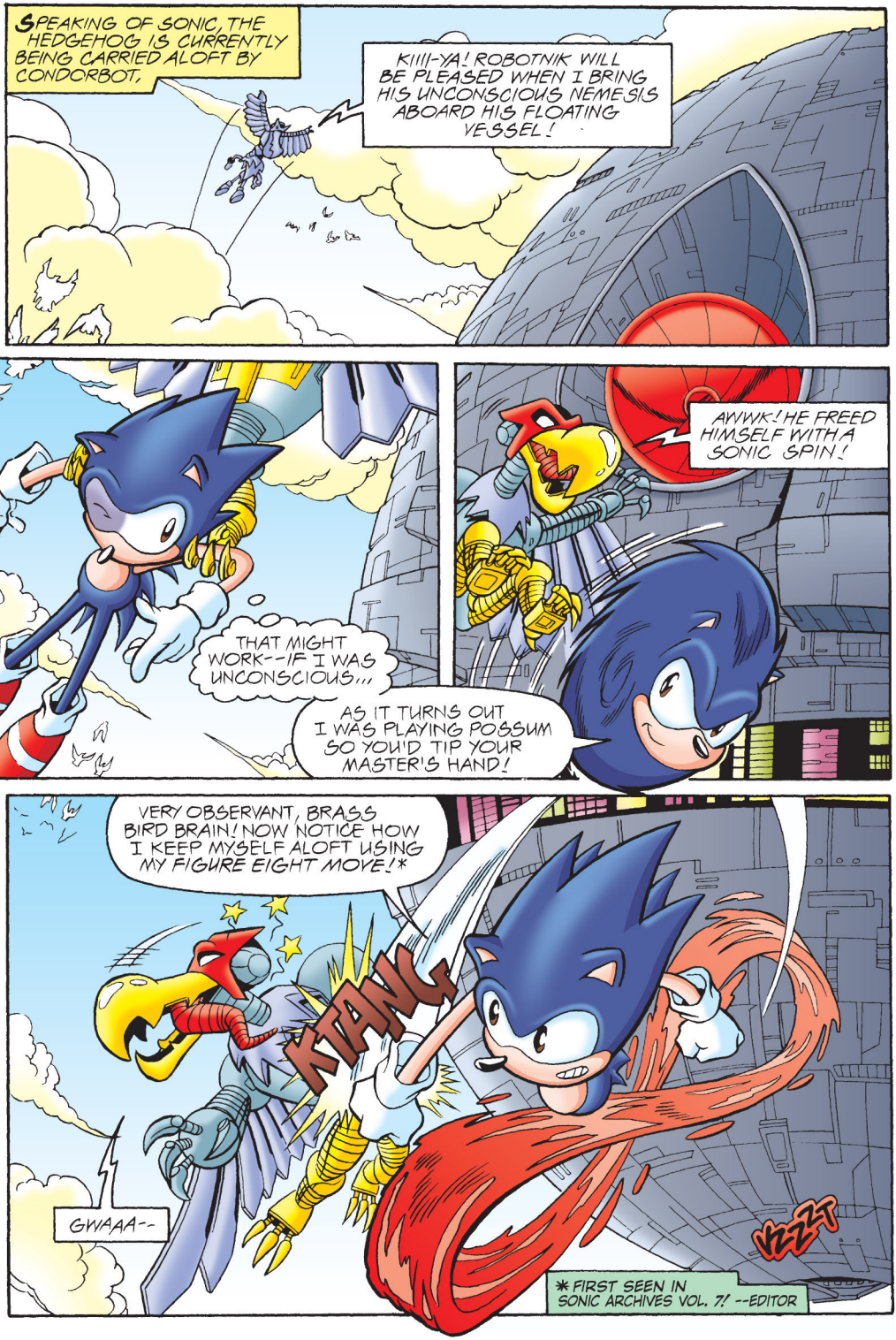
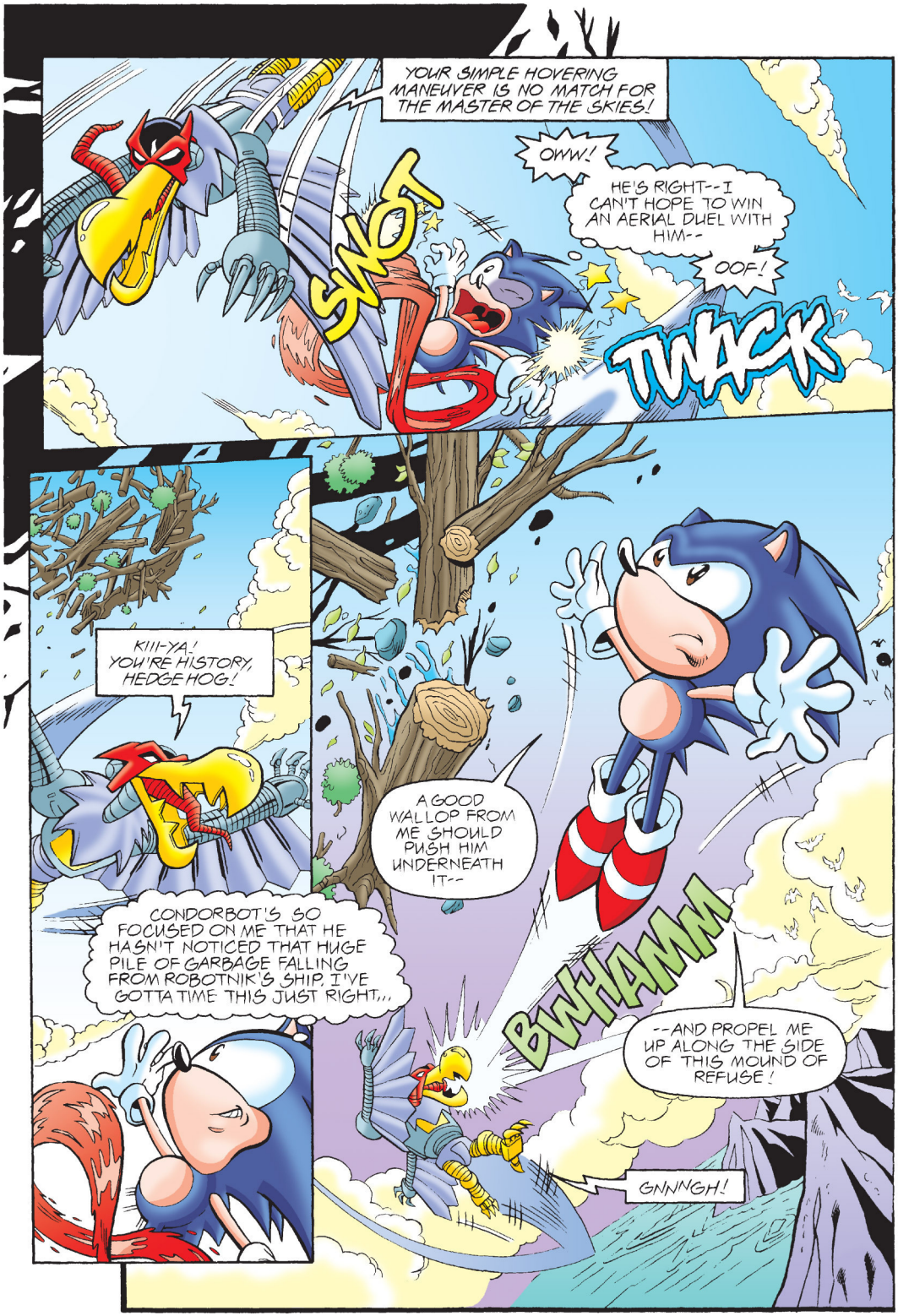

I DON'T DARE TELL HIM THAT I'VE RE-ASSIGNED HIS SWATBOTS TO STOP REPARATIONS IN ORDER TO PAMPER ME FULL TIME!
EXCELLENT! I EXPECT IT TO BE IN PERFECT PUTRID CONDITION WHEN I RETURN! BUT ENOUGH ABOUT YOU-- LET'S GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG'S DEBUT...
AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY HAD ALL THE RINGS SUCKED OUT OF THE GROTTO NEAR MY CITY'S BORDER. OBSERVE THEM BEING PLACED IN A "CHAIN MAIL" PATTERN WITHIN THIS SHIP'S SHELL.
THIS WILL RENDER THE DEATH EGG INVULNERABLE TO EXTERNAL ATTACK. THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE THING MISSING TO BRING THIS VESSEL TO FULL POWER--
A CHAOS EMERALD!

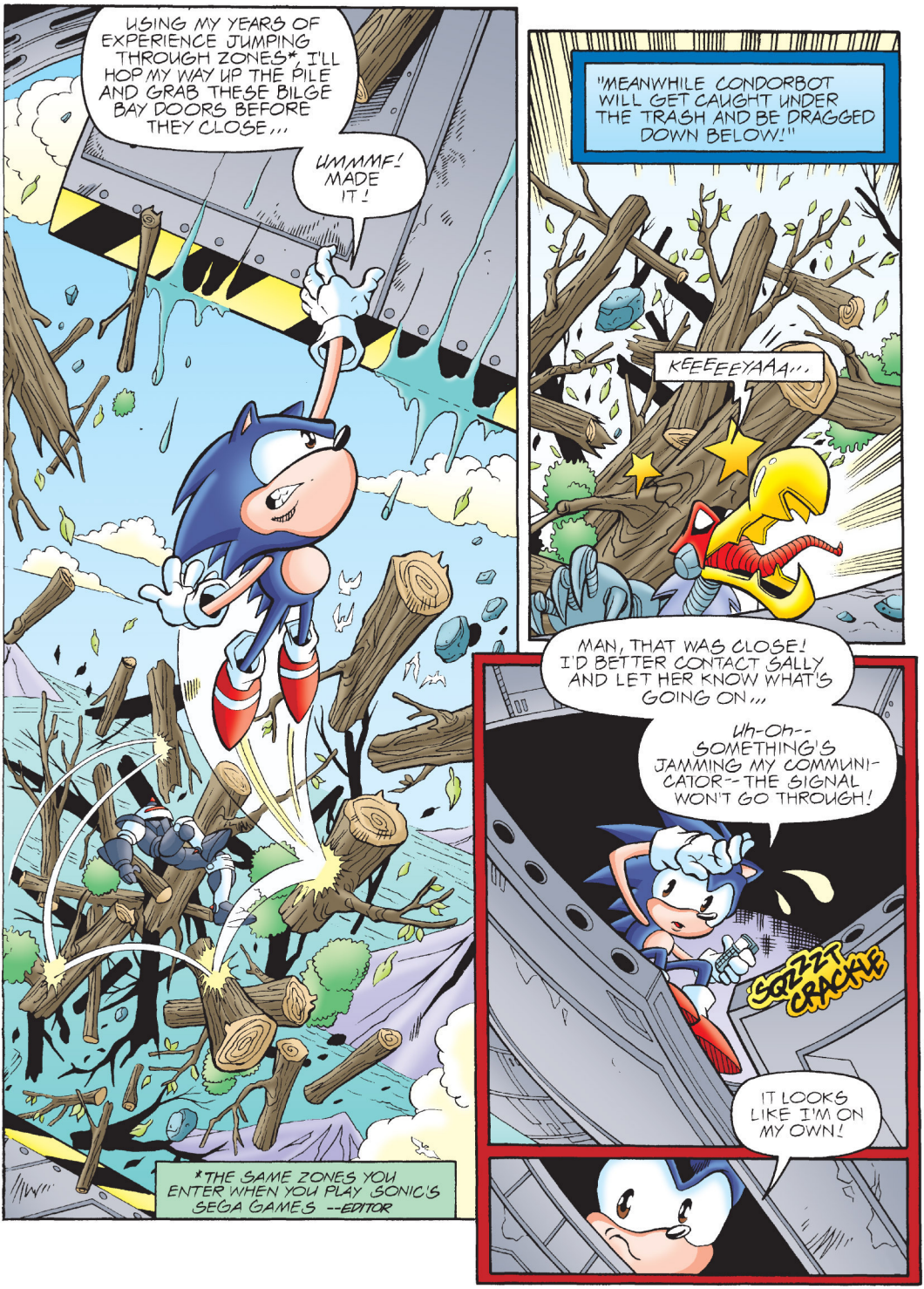

BUT, MY LORD OF LARD... MY INSTRUMENTS SHOW YOUR ALTITUDE IS LOW--AS IF THE DEATH EGG WERE CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT.
YES, I KNOW!
THE INEFFICIENT SWATBOT WHO OPERATED THE FUNNEL TUBE ALSO INGESTED A TON OF DEBRIS WHEN HE SIPHONED THE GROTTO... TREES, ROCKS AND OTHER GARBAGE!
ONCE I'VE ASCERTAINED THAT NO MORE RINGS ARE IN THE BILGE, THAT PILE OF TRASH WILL BE JETTISONED--ALONG WITH THE OFFENDING SWATBOT!
OF COURSE! WHY TOLERATE A DISOBEDIENT EMPLOYEE?
YOUR HOT OIL BATH IS READY, SIR SNIVELY!
SNIV
EXACTLY!
Shhh!
AFTER I'VE DUMPED THAT EXCESS BAGGAGE, THE DEATH EGG WILL ACHIEVE ITS PROPER ORBIT AND I SHALL PROCEED TO PROCURE A CHAOS EMERALD... THEN NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

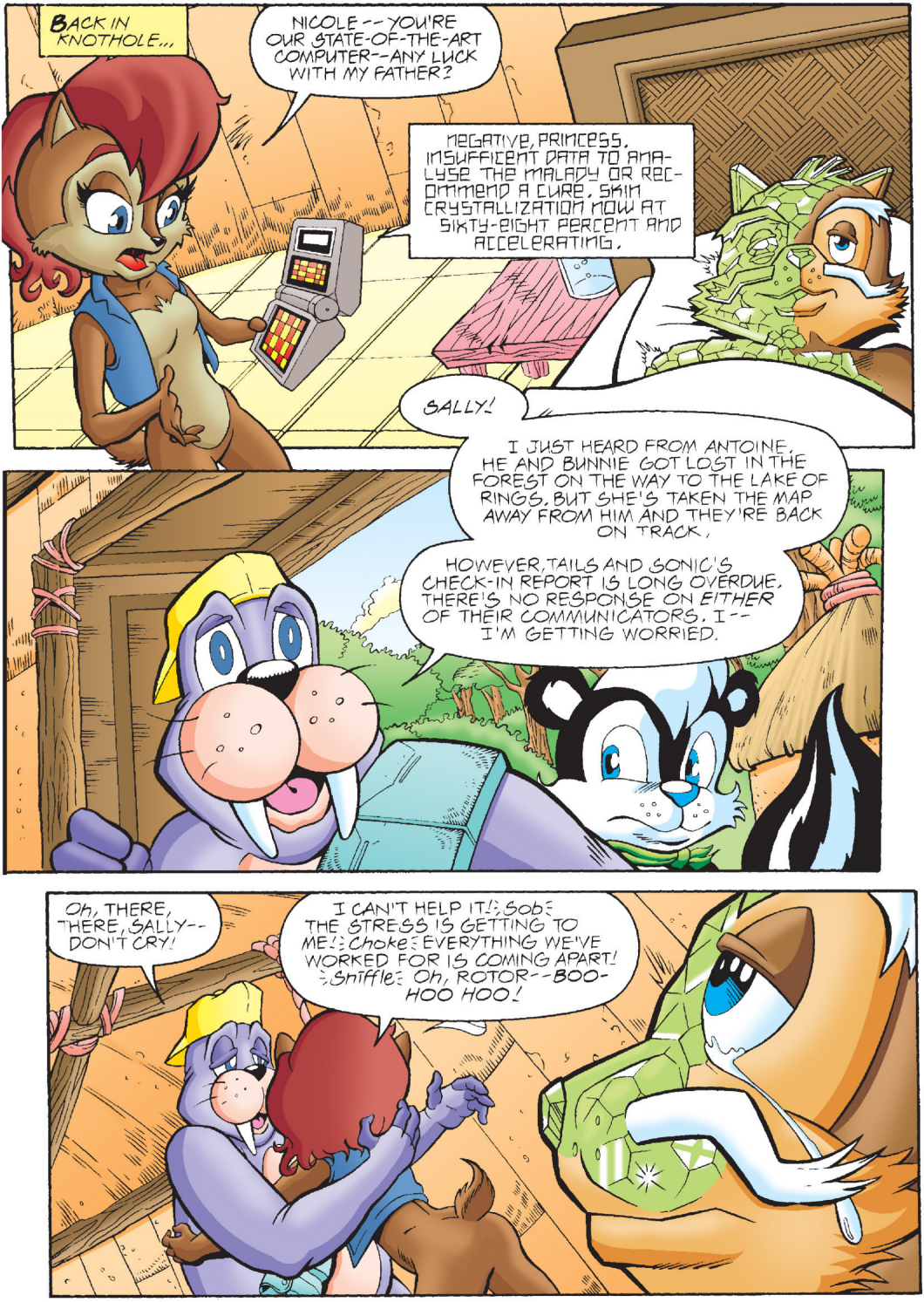

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE EXCESS BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT...
Whew! THAT WAS SOME RIDE I TOOK ALONG WITH HALF THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE POWER RING GROTTO!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM, BUT THIS WHOLE SCENARIO REEKS OF ROBOTNIK!
SURE ENOUGH HERE'S ONE OF HIS BROKEN SWATBOTS! Ahh-- THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.
BZZT
SPARK
I CAN JAM MYSELF INTO THE HUSK AND WORK IT FROM INSIDE LIKE A PUPPET. MAYBE THIS WAY, I CAN SPY ON ROBO-BUTT AND SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO.
WHOA! JUST IN TIME--HERE COMES A WORKING SWAT-BOT!
SENSOR SCAN IN PROGRESS, MASTER. THE BILGE SEEMS DE-VOID OF MAGIC RINGS.
MAKE SURE BEFORE YOU PURGE.

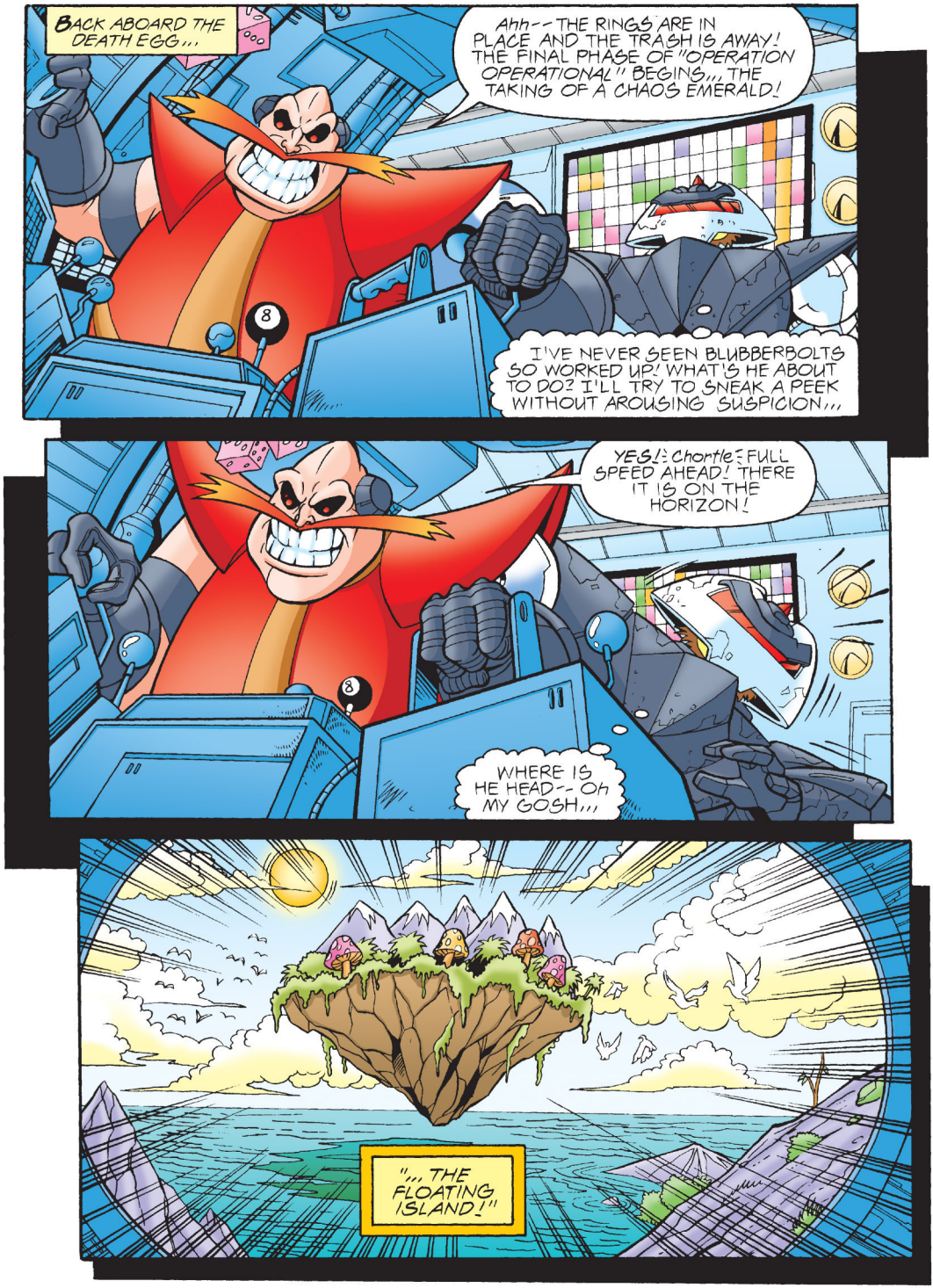

"PURGE"? THAT MEANS HE'S GONNA DUMP THIS PILE OF STUFF-- WELL, NOT WITH ME IN! Hmm-- BUT MAYBE WITH HIM IN IT!
SECONDARY SWEEP CONFIRMS MY FINDINGS.
VERY WELL-- PROCEED. CONTACT ME ON THE VID-SCREEN WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED. ROBOTNIK OUT.
WHAT'S THIS? THE DOORS ARE CLOSING-- I'LL BE TRAPPED-- AND PURGED!
RIGHT, SWATTY! YOU'RE GOING DOWN-- ALL THE WAY DOWN!
DUMP
WHAT'S THE DELAY? IS THAT TRASH EJECTED YET?
YESSIREE-- Err-- I MEAN, AFFIRMATIVE, MASTER.
GOOD WORK! REPORT TO THE BRIDGE AND ASSIST ME!
GOOD! HE FELL FOR MY DISGUISE. SONIC WOULD BE PROUD OF ME!

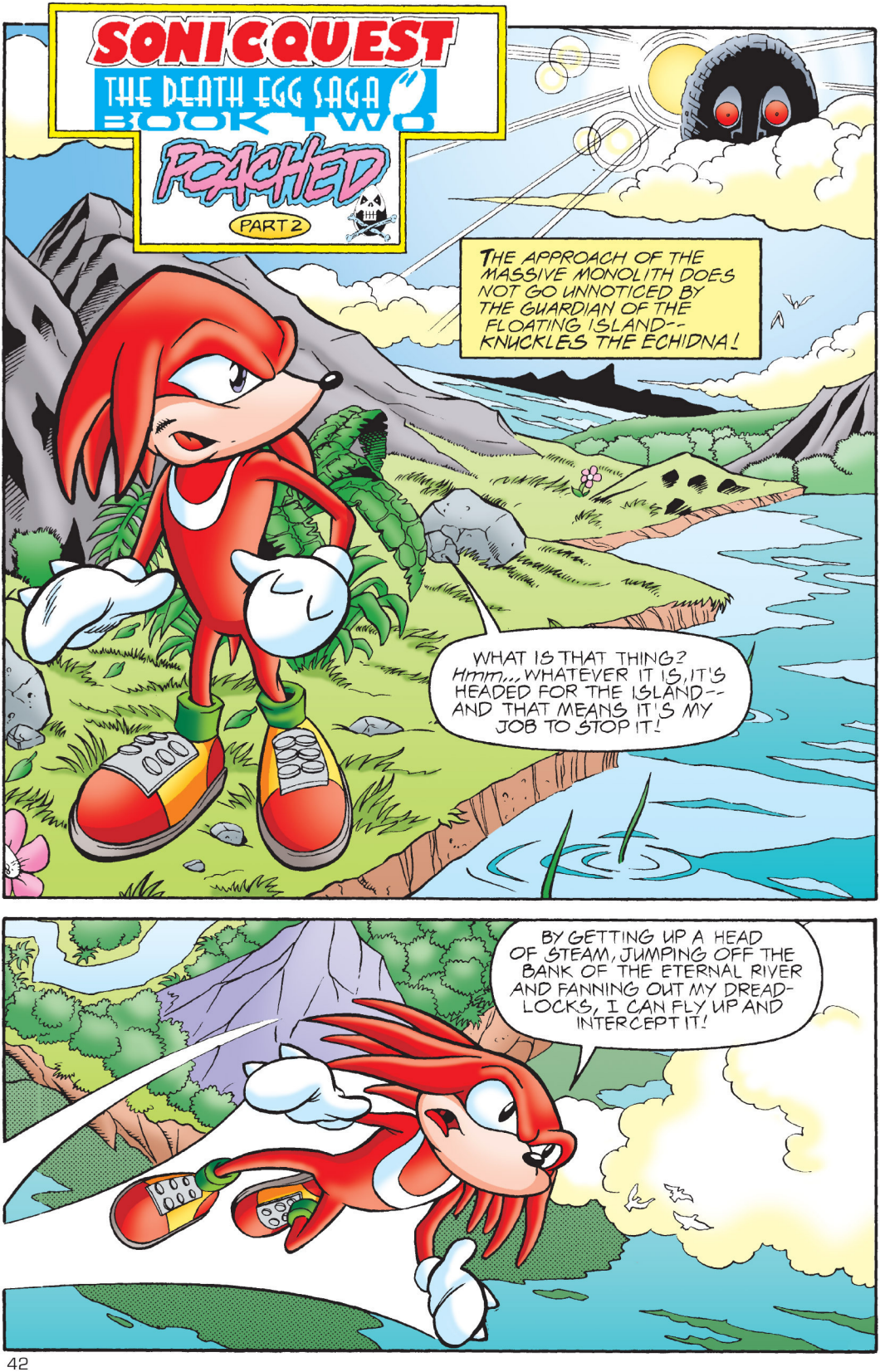

SPEAKING OF SONIC, THE HEDGEHOG IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED ALOFT BY CONDORBOT,
KIIII-YA! ROBOTNIK WILL BE PLEASED WHEN I BRING HIS UNCONSCIOUS NEMESIS ABOARD HIS FLOATING VESSEL!
THAT MIGHT WORK--IF I WAS UNCONSCIOUS...
AS IT TURNS OUT I WAS PLAYING POSSUM SO YOU'D TIP YOUR MASTER'S HAND!
AWWK! HE FREED HIMSELF WITH A SONIC SPIN!
VERY OBSERVANT, BRASS BIRD BRAIN! NOW NOTICE HOW I KEEP MYSELF ALOFT USING MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE!*
KTANG
GWAAA--
VZZT
* FIRST SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7! --EDITOR


YOUR SIMPLE HOVERING MANEUVER IS NO MATCH FOR THE MASTER OF THE SKIES!
OWW!
HE'S RIGHT--I CAN'T HOPE TO WIN AN AERIAL DUEL WITH HIM--
OOF!
SWOT
TWACK
KIII-YA! YOU'RE HISTORY, HEDGE HOG!
A GOOD WALLOP FROM ME SHOULD PUSH HIM UNDERNEATH IT--
CONDORBOT'S SO FOCUSED ON ME THAT HE HASN'T NOTICED THAT HUGE PILE OF GARBAGE FALLING FROM ROBOTNIK'S SHIP. I'VE GOTTA TIME THIS JUST RIGHT...
BWHAMM
--AND PROPEL ME UP ALONG THE SIDE OF THIS MOUND OF REFUSE!
GNNNGH!


USING MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE JUMPING THROUGH ZONES*, I'LL HOP MY WAY UP THE PILE AND GRAB THESE BILGE BAY DOORS BEFORE THEY CLOSE...
UMMMF! MADE IT!
*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC'S SEGA GAMES --EDITOR
"MEANWHILE CONDORBOT WILL GET CAUGHT UNDER THE TRASH AND BE DRAGGED DOWN BELOW!"
KEEEEEYAAA...
MAN, THAT WAS CLOSE! I'D BETTER CONTACT SALLY AND LET HER KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...
Uh-Oh-- SOMETHING'S JAMMING MY COMMUNICATOR-- THE SIGNAL WON'T GO THROUGH!
SQZZT CRACKLE
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M ON MY OWN!


BACK IN KNOTHOLE...
NICOLE -- YOU'RE OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPUTER--ANY LUCK WITH MY FATHER?
NEGATIVE, PRINCESS. INSUFFICENT DATA TO ANALYSE THE MALADY OR RECOMMEND A CURE. SKIN CRYSTALLIZATION NOW AT SIXTY-EIGHT PERCENT AND ACCELERATING.
SALLY!
I JUST HEARD FROM ANTOINE, HE AND BUNNIE GOT LOST IN THE FOREST ON THE WAY TO THE LAKE OF RINGS. BUT SHE'S TAKEN THE MAP AWAY FROM HIM AND THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK.
HOWEVER, TAILS AND SONIC'S CHECK-IN REPORT IS LONG OVERDUE. THERE'S NO RESPONSE ON EITHER OF THEIR COMMUNICATORS. I-- I'M GETTING WORRIED.
OH, THERE, THERE, SALLY-- DON'T CRY!
I CAN'T HELP IT! :Sob: THE STRESS IS GETTING TO ME! :Choke: EVERYTHING WE'VE WORKED FOR IS COMING APART! :Sniffle: OH, ROTOR--BOO-HOO HOO!


BACK ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
Ahh-- THE RINGS ARE IN PLACE AND THE TRASH IS AWAY! THE FINAL PHASE OF "OPERATION OPERATIONAL" BEGINS... THE TAKING OF A CHAOS EMERALD!
I'VE NEVER SEEN BLUBBERBOLTS SO WORKED UP! WHAT'S HE ABOUT TO DO? I'LL TRY TO SNEAK A PEEK WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION...
YES! Chortle! FULL SPEED AHEAD! THERE IT IS ON THE HORIZON!
WHERE IS HE HEAD-- Oh MY GOSH...
"... THE FLOATING ISLAND!"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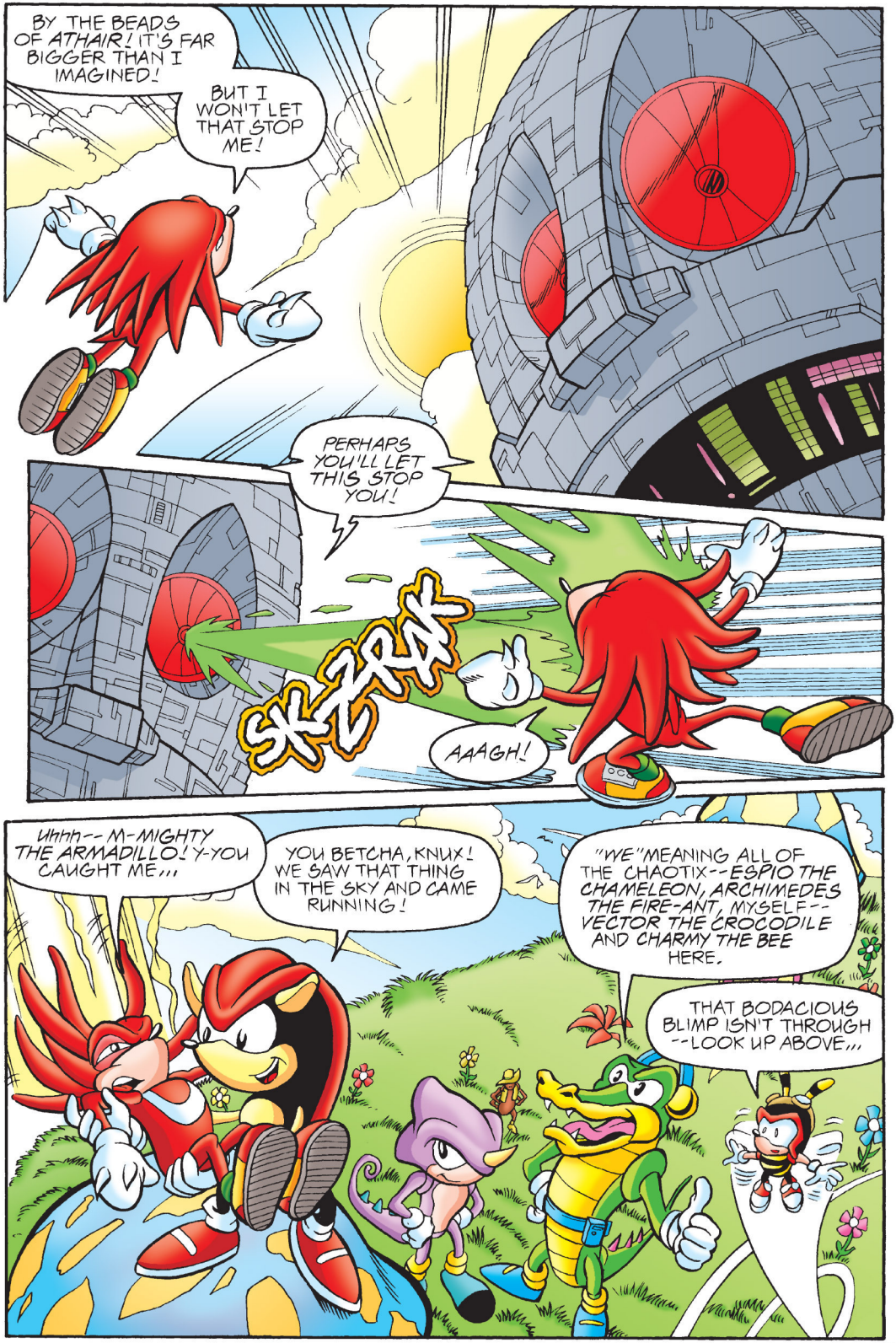
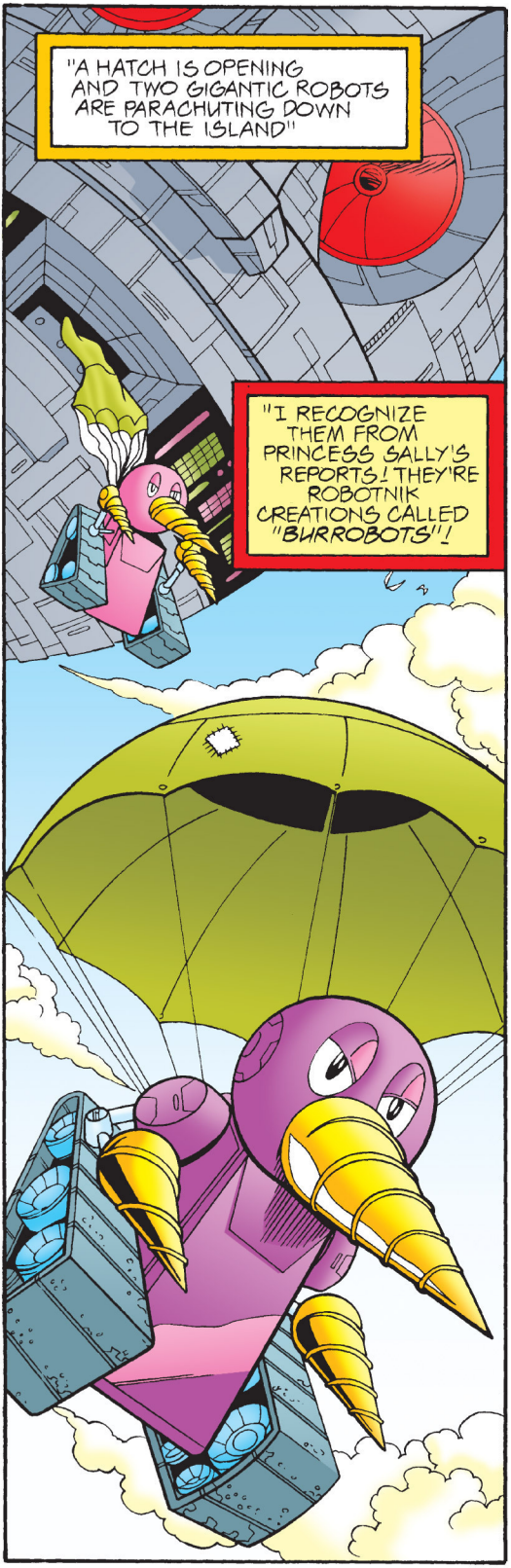
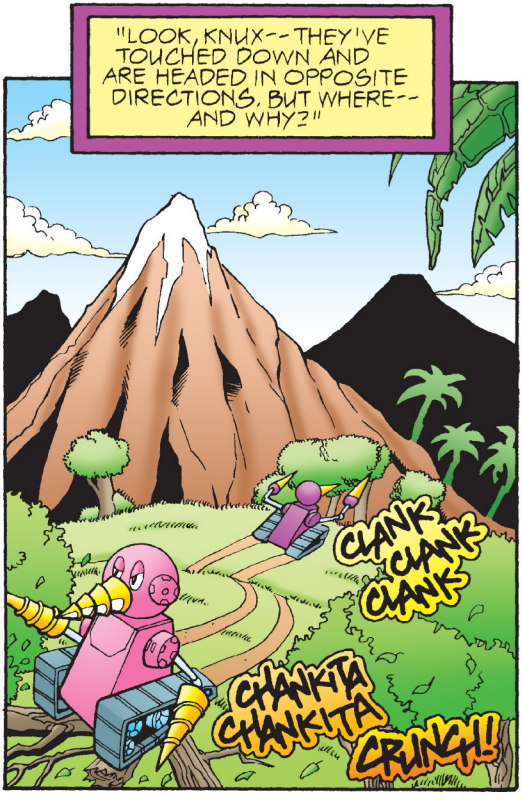
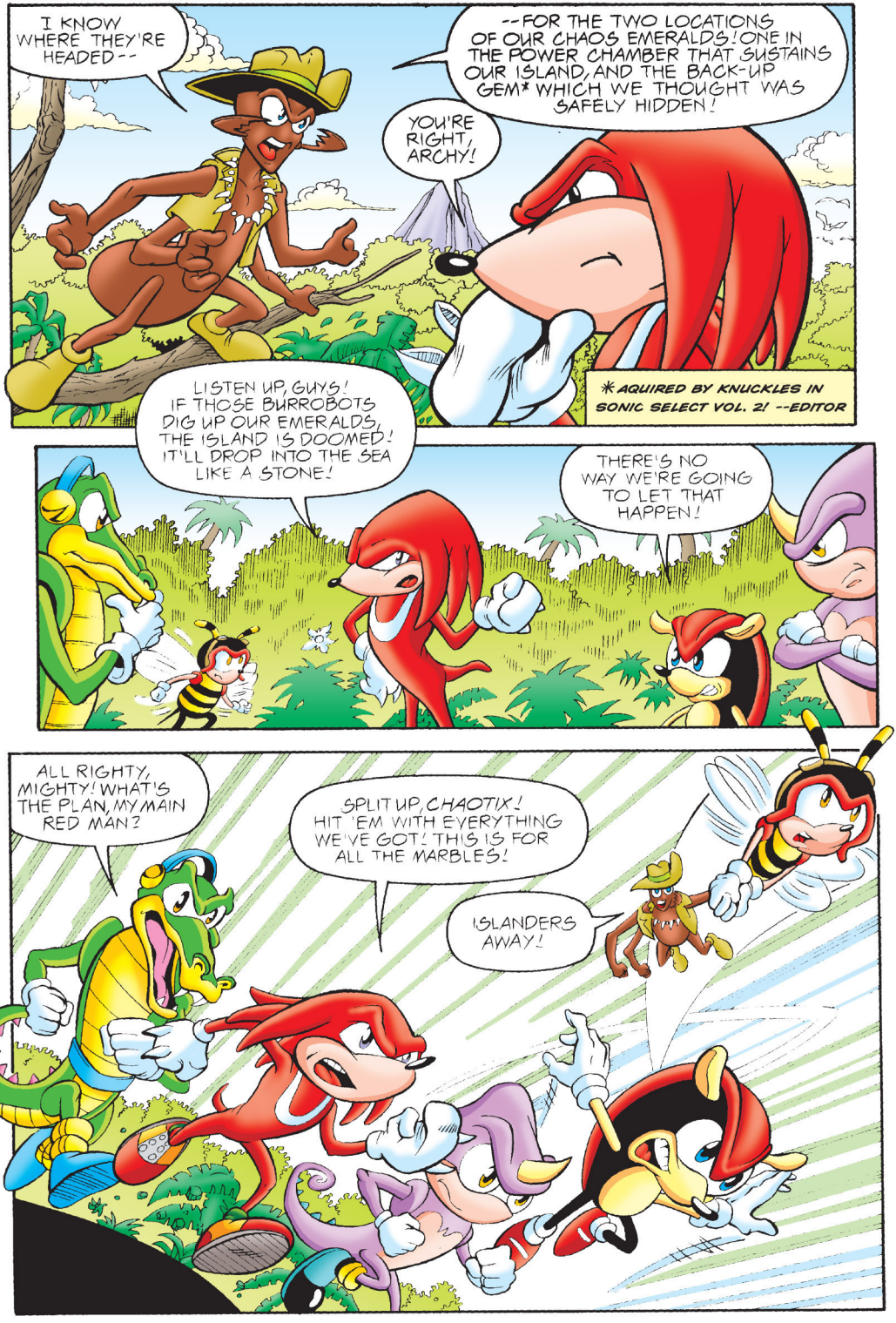
THE APPROACH OF THE MASSIVE MONOLITH DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED BY THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND--KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
WHAT IS THAT THING? Hmm... WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S HEADED FOR THE ISLAND--AND THAT MEANS IT'S MY JOB TO STOP IT!
BY GETTING UP A HEAD OF STEAM, JUMPING OFF THE BANK OF THE ETERNAL RIVER AND FANNING OUT MY DREADLOCKS, I CAN FLY UP AND INTERCEPT IT!

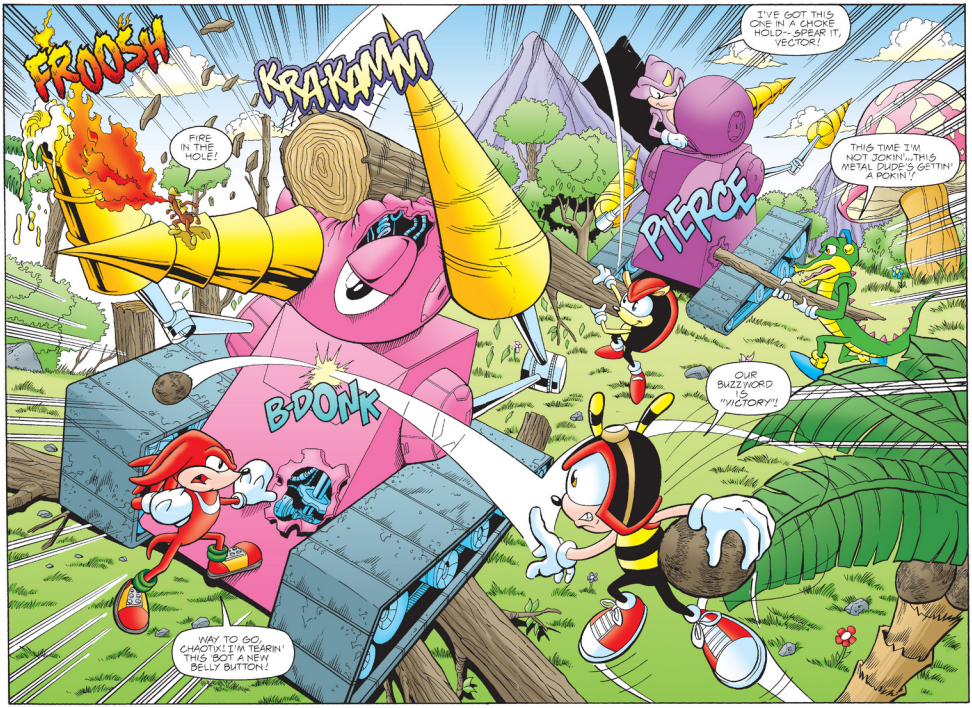

BY THE BEADS OF ATHAIR! IT'S FAR BIGGER THAN I IMAGINED!
BUT I WON'T LET THAT STOP ME!
PERHAPS YOU'LL LET THIS STOP YOU!
SKZRK
AAAGH!
Uhhh-- M-MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO! Y-YOU CAUGHT ME,,,
YOU BETCHA, KNUX! WE SAW THAT THING IN THE SKY AND CAME RUNNING!
"WE" MEANING ALL OF THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO THE CHAMELEON, ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT, MYSELF-- VECTOR THE CROCODILE AND CHARMY THE BEE HERE.
THAT BODACIOUS BLIMP ISN'T THROUGH --LOOK UP ABOVE,,,

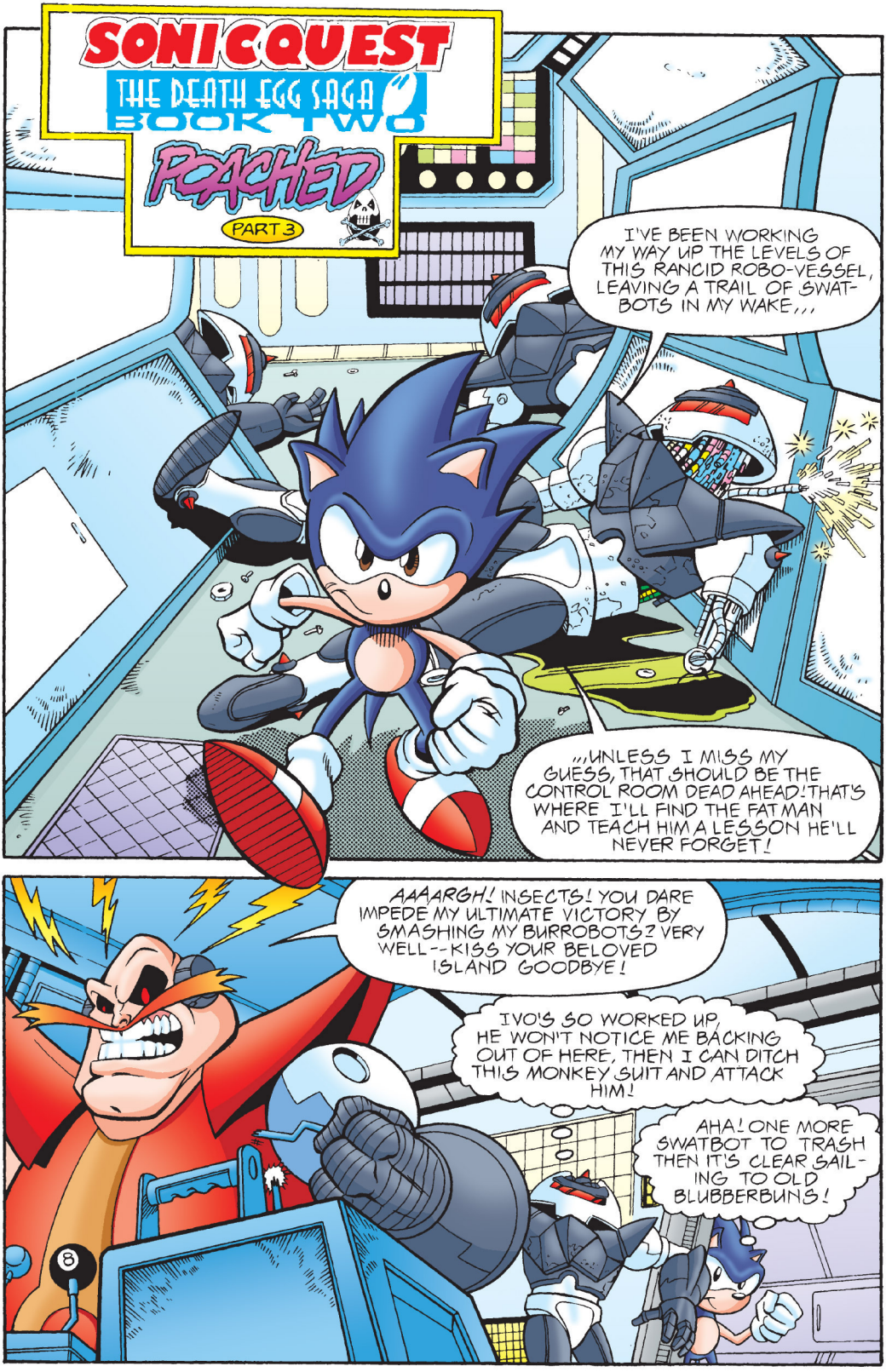

"A HATCH IS OPENING AND TWO GIGANTIC ROBOTS ARE PARACHUTING DOWN TO THE ISLAND"
"I RECOGNIZE THEM FROM PRINCESS SALLY'S REPORTS! THEY'RE ROBOTNIK CREATIONS CALLED "BURROBOTS"!


"LOOK, KNUX--THEY'VE TOUCHED DOWN AND ARE HEADED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS. BUT WHERE--AND WHY?"
CLANK CLANK CLANK
CHANKITA CHANKITA
CRUNCH!

OFF YOU GO, BURROBOTS! SENSORS INDICATE TWO CHAOS EMERALDS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND! BRING ME BOTH, NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE TO DESTROY TO GET THEM!
THIS IS GETTING HAIRY! I'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH A PLAN TO STOP ROBOTNIK, AND FAST!


I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED--
--FOR THE TWO LOCATIONS OF OUR CHAOS EMERALDS! ONE IN THE POWER CHAMBER THAT SUSTAINS OUR ISLAND, AND THE BACK-UP GEM* WHICH WE THOUGHT WAS SAFELY HIDDEN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, ARCHY!
*AQUIRED BY KNUCKLES IN SONIC SELECT VOL. 2! --EDITOR
LISTEN UP, GUYS! IF THOSE BURROBOTS DIG UP OUR EMERALDS, THE ISLAND IS DOOMED! IT'LL DROP INTO THE SEA LIKE A STONE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN!
ALL RIGHTY, MIGHTY! WHAT'S THE PLAN, MY MAIN RED MAN?
SPLIT UP, CHAOTIX! HIT 'EM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! THIS IS FOR ALL THE MARBLES!
ISLANDERS AWAY!


FROOSH
KRAKAMM
FIRE IN THE HOLE!
I'VE GOT THIS ONE IN A CHOKE HOLD-- SPEAR IT, VECTOR!
THIS TIME I'M NOT JOKIN'... THIS METAL DUDE'S GETTIN' A POKIN'!
PIERCE
B-DONK
OUR BUZZWORD IS "VICTORY!!"
WAY TO GO, CHAOTIX! I'M TEARIN' THIS BOT A NEW BELLY BUTTON!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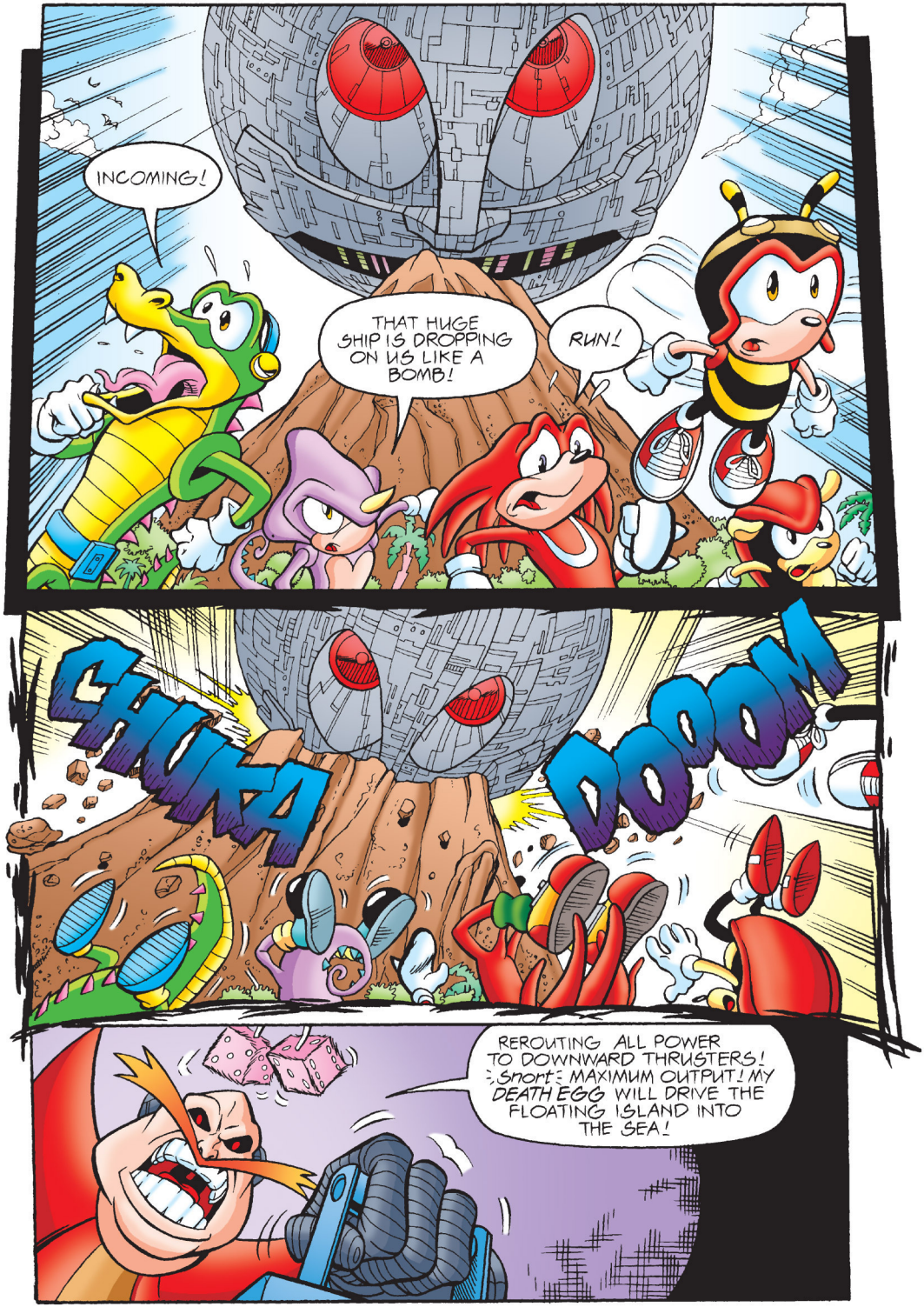
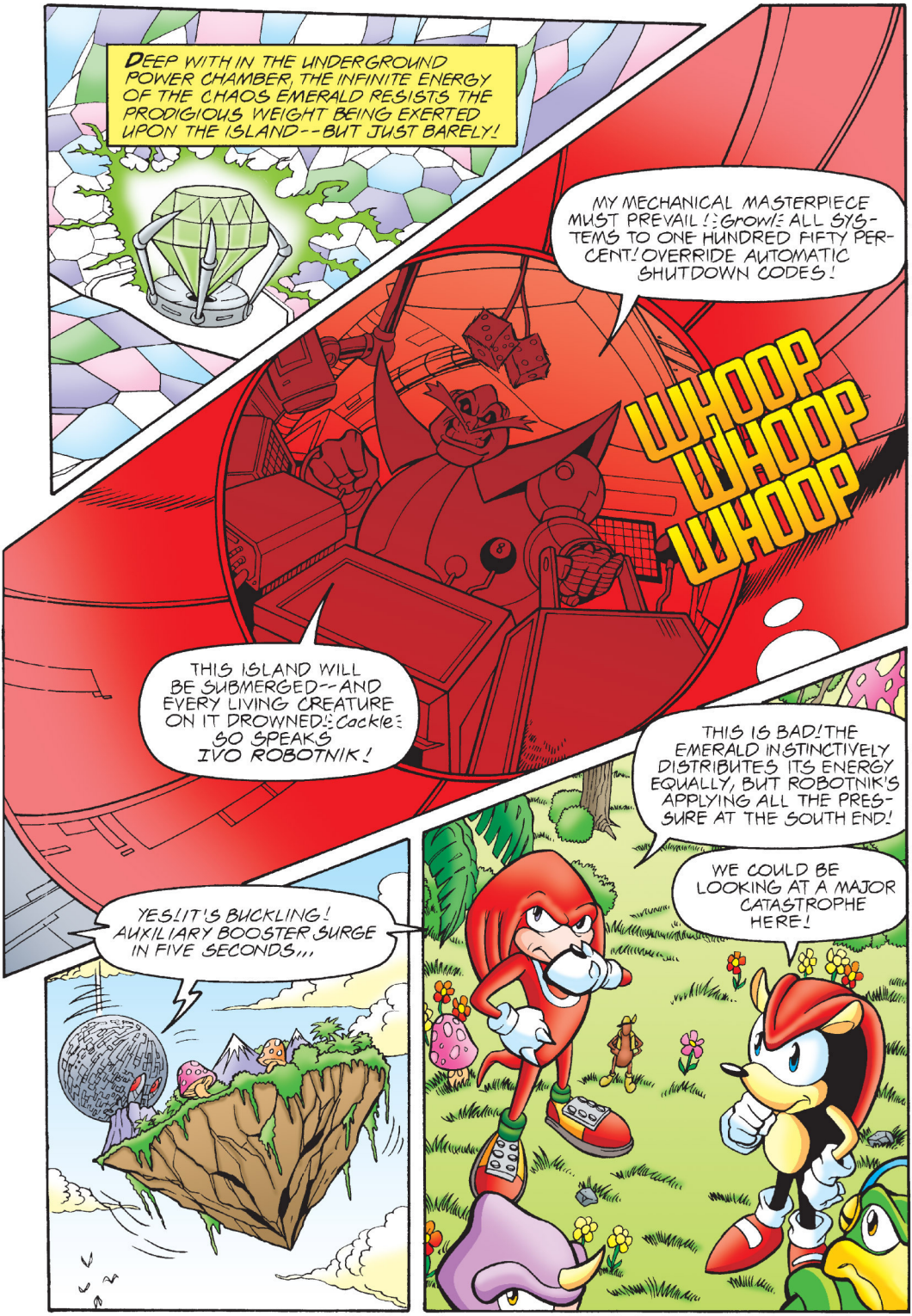
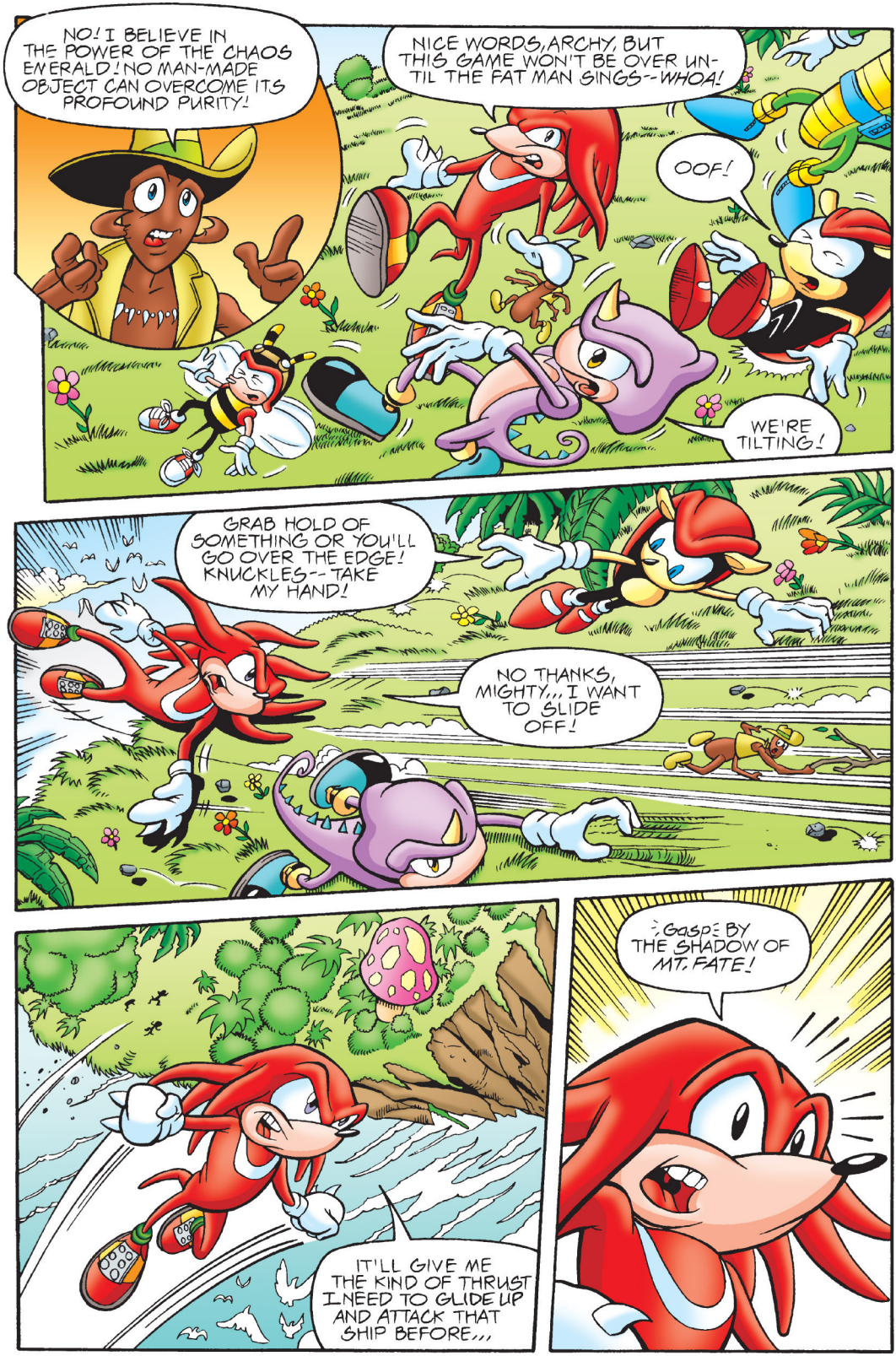
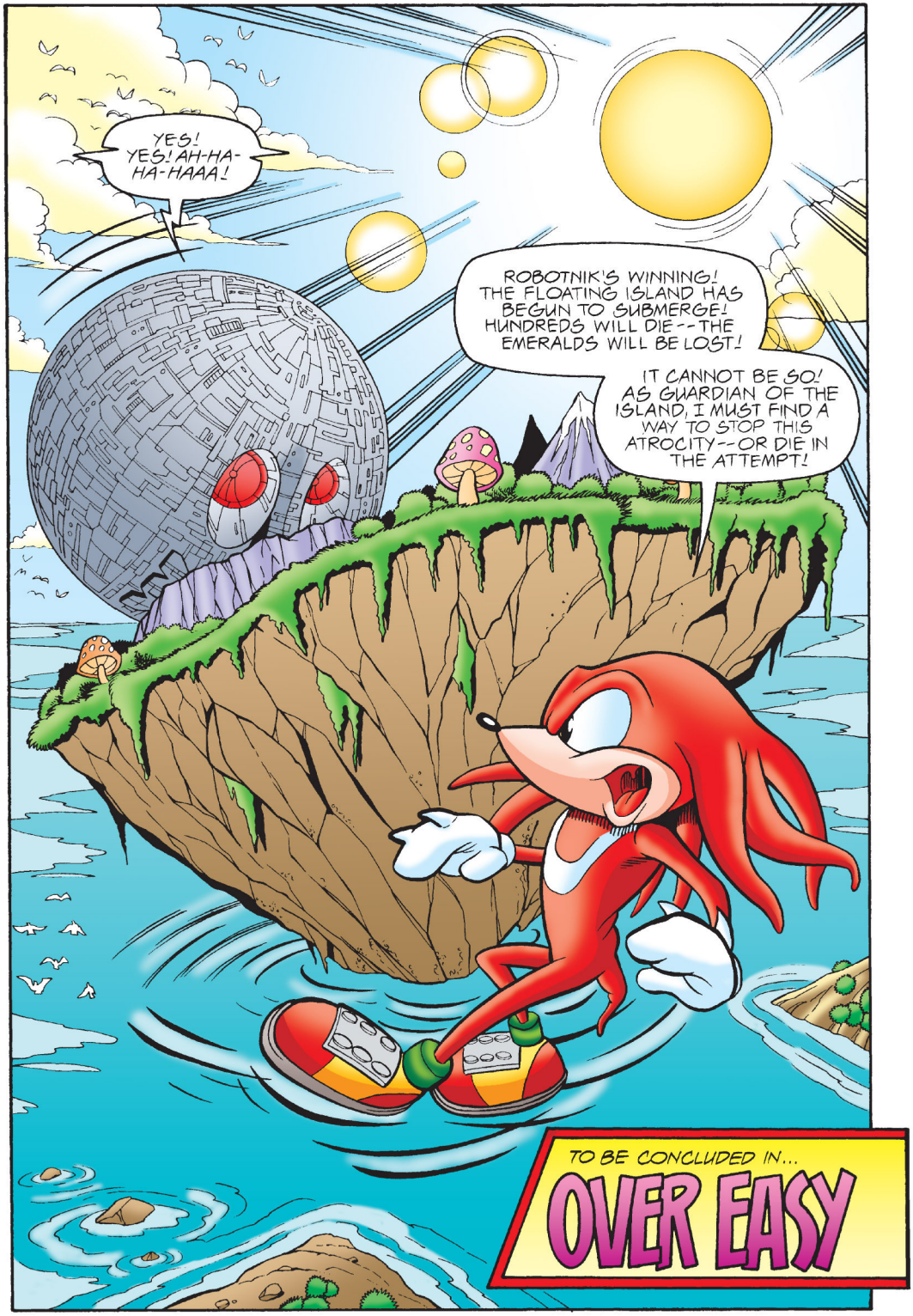
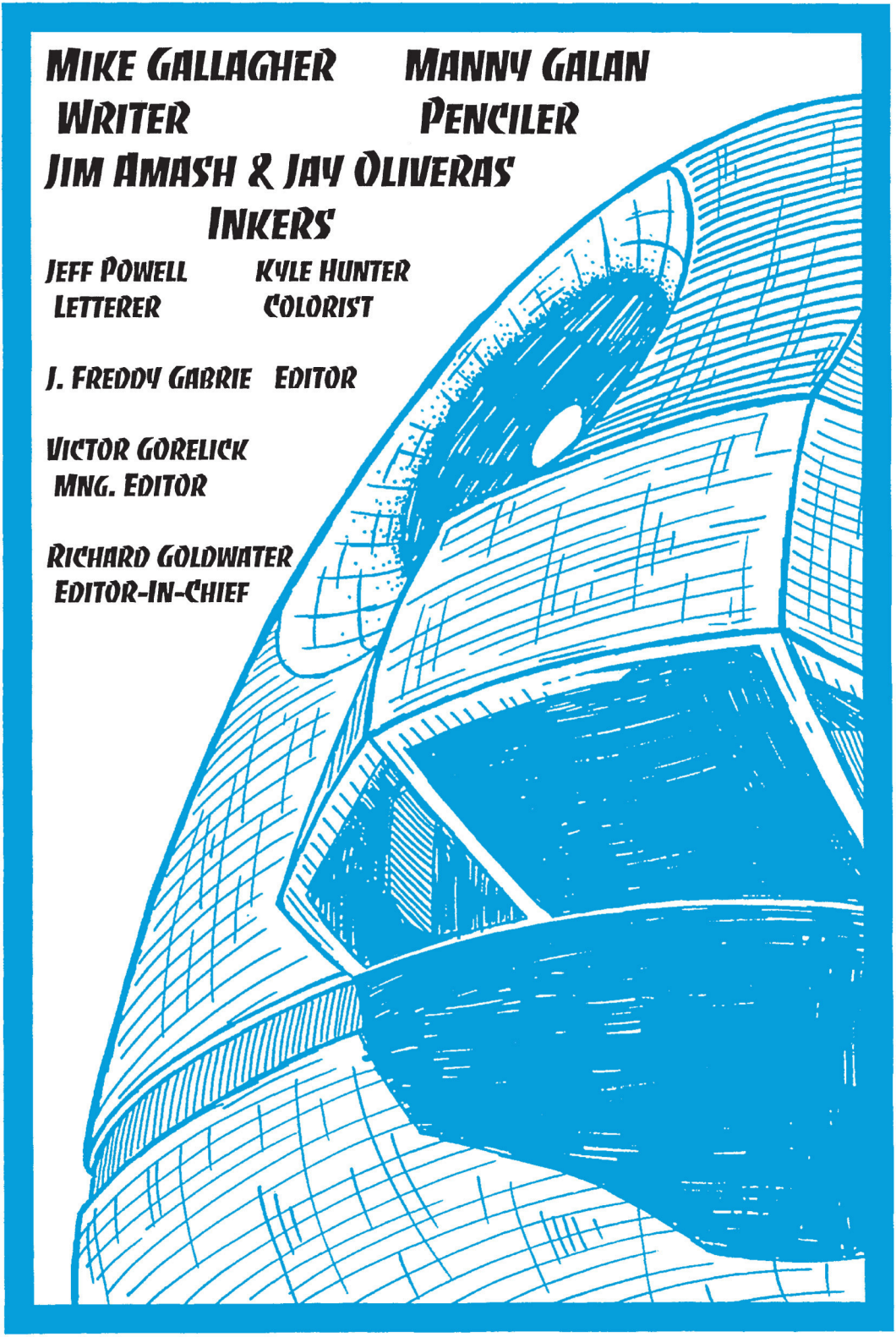
I'VE BEEN WORKING MY WAY UP THE LEVELS OF THIS RANCID ROBO-VESSEL, LEAVING A TRAIL OF SWAT-BOTS IN MY WAKE...
...UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THAT SHOULD BE THE CONTROL ROOM DEAD AHEAD! THAT'S WHERE I'LL FIND THE FAT MAN AND TEACH HIM A LESSON HE'LL NEVER FORGET!
AAAARGH! INSECTS! YOU DARE IMPEDE MY ULTIMATE VICTORY BY SMASHING MY BURROBOTS? VERY WELL--KISS YOUR BELOVED ISLAND GOODBYE!
IVO'S SO WORKED UP, HE WON'T NOTICE ME BACKING OUT OF HERE, THEN I CAN DITCH THIS MONKEY SUIT AND ATTACK HIM!
AHA! ONE MORE SWATBOT TO TRASH THEN IT'S CLEAR SAILING TO OLD BLUBBERBUNS!


INCOMING!
THAT HUGE SHIP IS DROPPING ON US LIKE A BOMB!
RUN!
CHUKA
DOOOM
REROUTING ALL POWER TO DOWNWARD THRUSTERS! :Snort: MAXIMUM OUTPUT! MY DEATH EGG WILL DRIVE THE FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SEA!


DEEP WITH IN THE UNDERGROUND POWER CHAMBER, THE INFINITE ENERGY OF THE CHAOS EMERALD RESISTS THE PRODIGIOUS WEIGHT BEING EXERTED UPON THE ISLAND--BUT JUST BARELY!
MY MECHANICAL MASTERPIECE MUST PREVAIL! :Growl: ALL SYSTEMS TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT! OVERRIDE AUTOMATIC SHUTDOWN CODES!
WHOOP WHOOP WHOOP
THIS ISLAND WILL BE SUBMERGED--AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE ON IT DROWNED! :Cackle: SO SPEAKS IVO ROBOTNIK!
THIS IS BAD! THE EMERALD INSTINCTIVELY DISTRIBUTES ITS ENERGY EQUALLY, BUT ROBOTNIK'S APPLYING ALL THE PRESSURE AT THE SOUTH END!
WE COULD BE LOOKING AT A MAJOR CATASTROPHE HERE!
YES! IT'S BUCKLING! AUXILIARY BOOSTER SURGE IN FIVE SECONDS...


NO! I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD! NO MAN-MADE OBJECT CAN OVERCOME ITS PROFOUND PURITY!
NICE WORDS, ARCHY, BUT THIS GAME WON'T BE OVER UNTIL THE FAT MAN SINGS--WHOA!
OOF!
WE'RE TILTING!
GRAB HOLD OF SOMETHING OR YOU'LL GO OVER THE EDGE! KNUCKLES--TAKE MY HAND!
NO THANKS, MIGHTY... I WANT TO SLIDE OFF!
IT'LL GIVE ME THE KIND OF THRUST I NEED TO GLIDE UP AND ATTACK THAT SHIP BEFORE...
GASP! BY THE SHADOW OF MT. FATE!


YES! YES! AH-HA-HA-HAAA!
ROBOTNIK'S WINNING! THE FLOATING ISLAND HAS BEGUN TO SUBMERGE! HUNDREDS WILL DIE--THE EMERALDS WILL BE LOST!
IT CANNOT BE SO! AS GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND, I MUST FIND A WAY TO STOP THIS ATROCITY--OR DIE IN THE ATTEMPT!
TO BE CONCLUDED IN...
OVER EASY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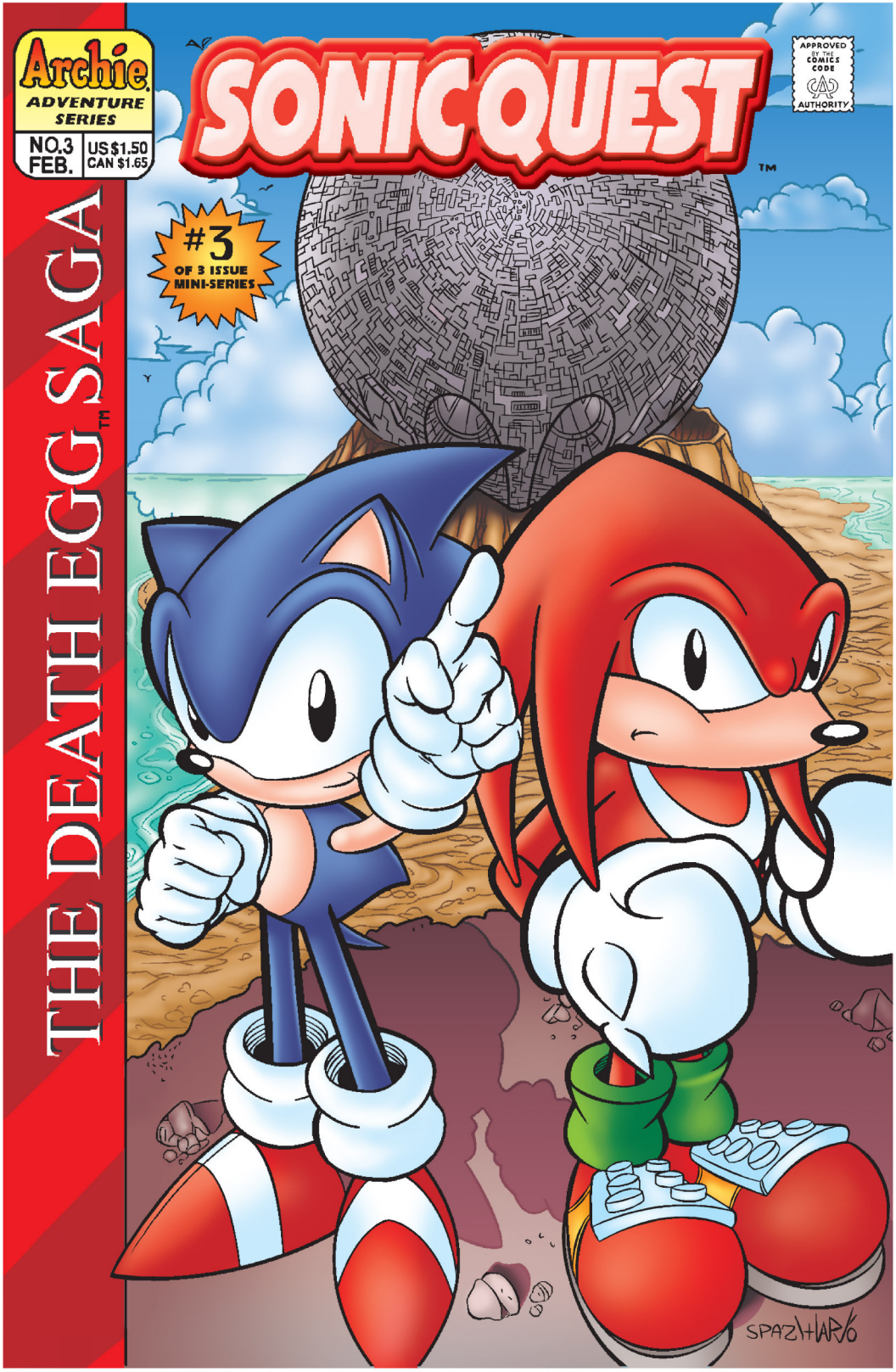
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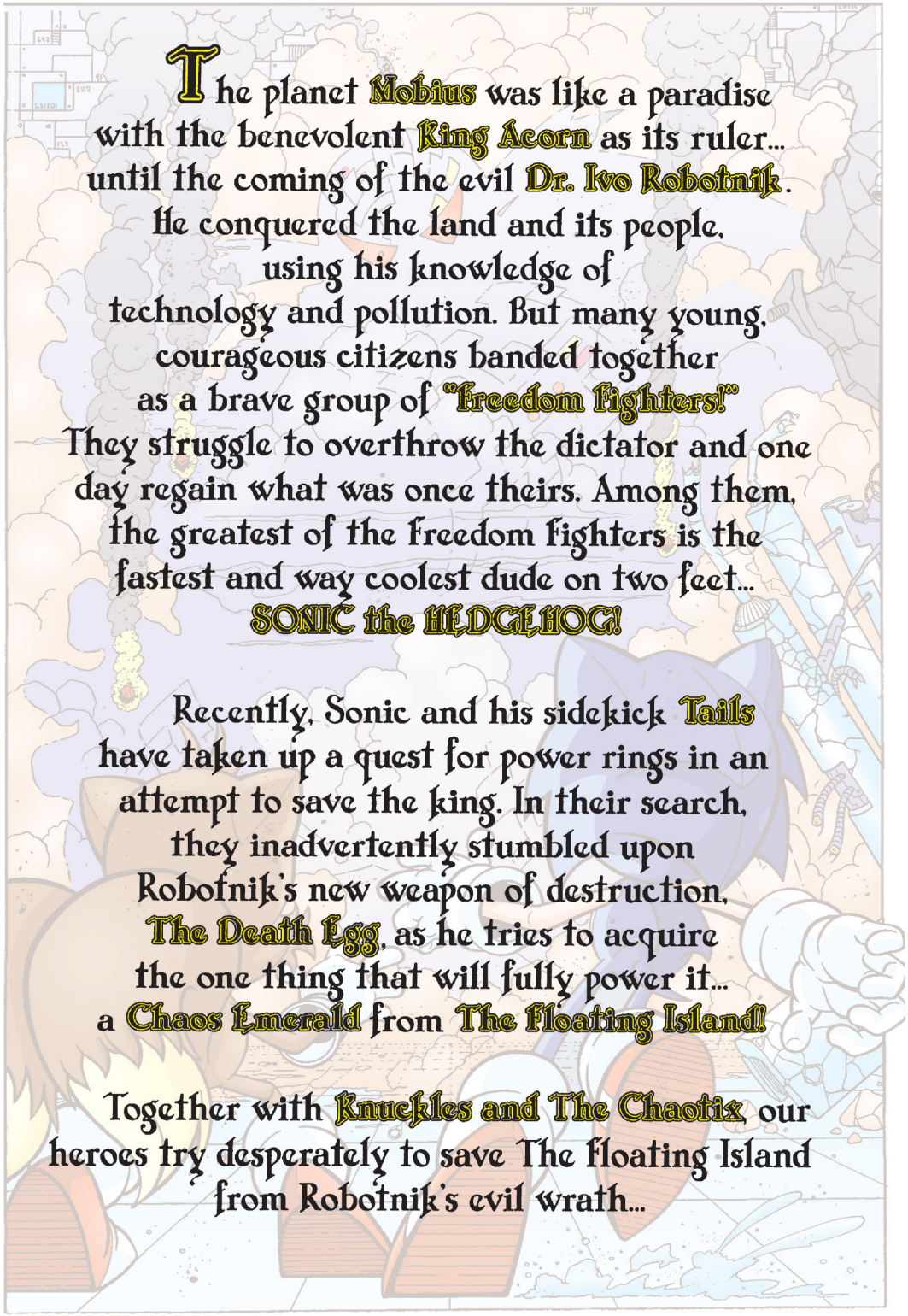
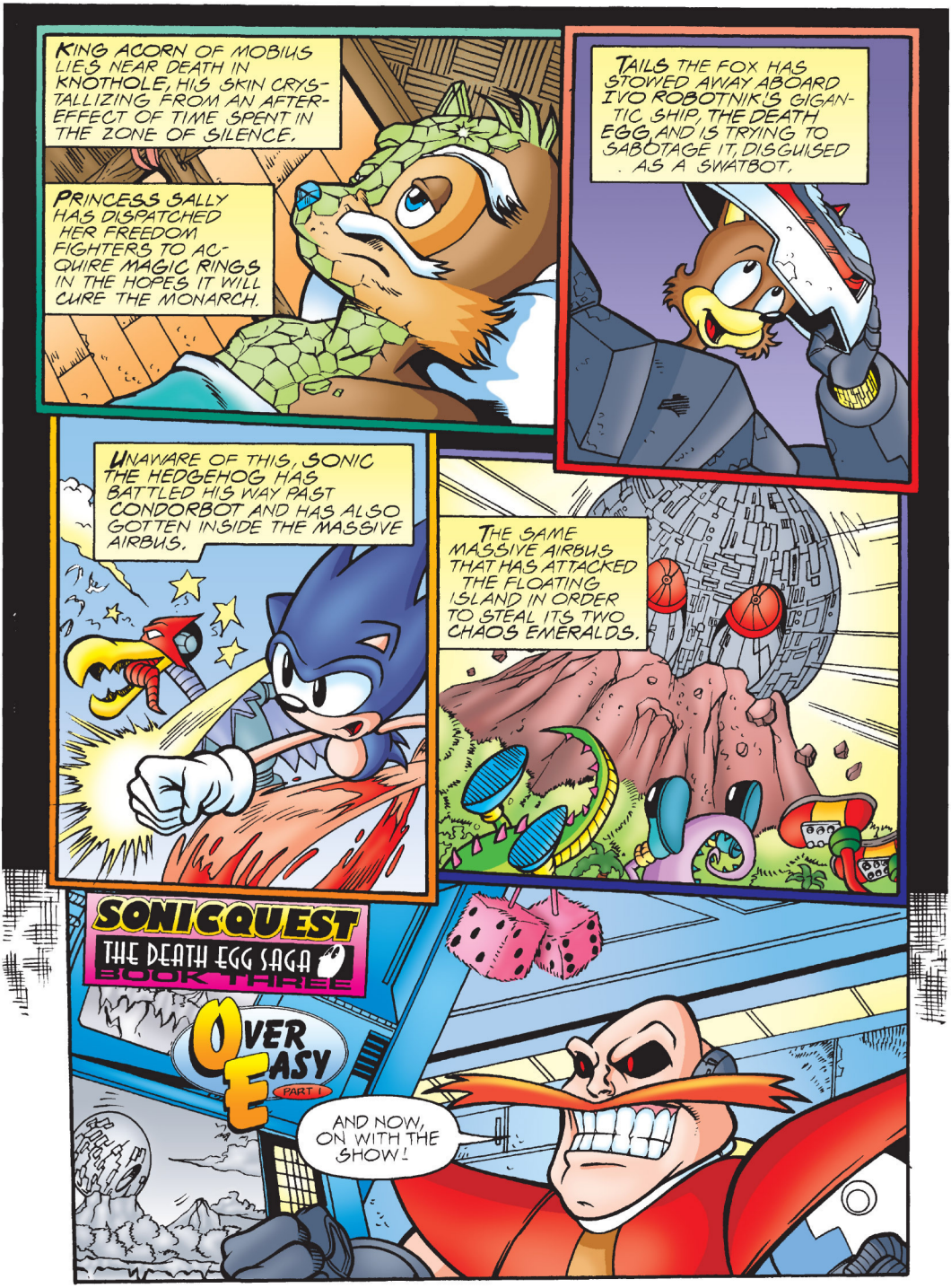

The planet Mobius was like a paradise with the benevolent King Acorn as its ruler... until the coming of the evil Dr. Ivo Robotnik. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "Freedom Fighters!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the freedom fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet... SONIC the HEDGEHOG!
Recently, Sonic and his sidekick Tails have taken up a quest for power rings in an attempt to save the king. In their search, they inadvertently stumbled upon Robotnik's new weapon of destruction, The Death Egg, as he tries to acquire the one thing that will fully power it... a Chaos Emerald from The Floating Island!
Together with Knuckles and The Chaotix, our heroes try desperately to save The Floating Island from Robotnik's evil wrath...


KING ACORN OF MOBIUS LIES NEAR DEATH IN KNOTHOLE, HIS SKIN CRYSTALLIZING FROM AN AFTER-EFFECT OF TIME SPENT IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE.
PRINCESS SALLY HAS DISPATCHED HER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACQUIRE MAGIC RINGS IN THE HOPES IT WILL CURE THE MONARCH.
TAILS THE FOX HAS STOWED AWAY ABOARD IVO ROBOTNIK'S GIGANTIC SHIP, THE DEATH EGG, AND IS TRYING TO SABOTAGE IT, DISGUISED AS A SWATBOT.
UNAWARE OF THIS, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS BATTLED HIS WAY PAST CONDORBOT AND HAS ALSO GOTTEN INSIDE THE MASSIVE AIRBUS.
THE SAME MASSIVE AIRBUS THAT HAS ATTACKED THE FLOATING ISLAND IN ORDER TO STEAL ITS TWO CHAOS EMERALDS.
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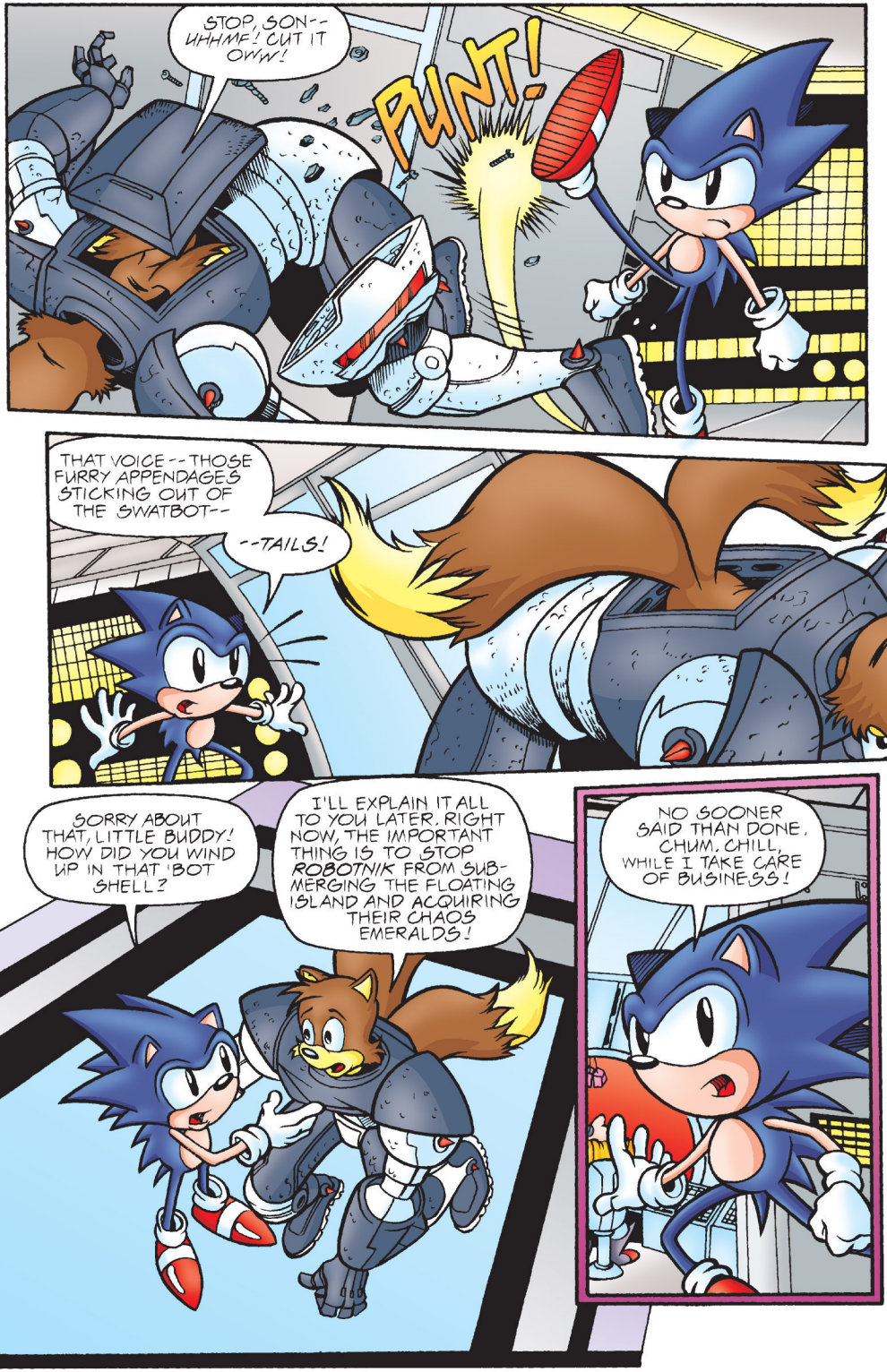
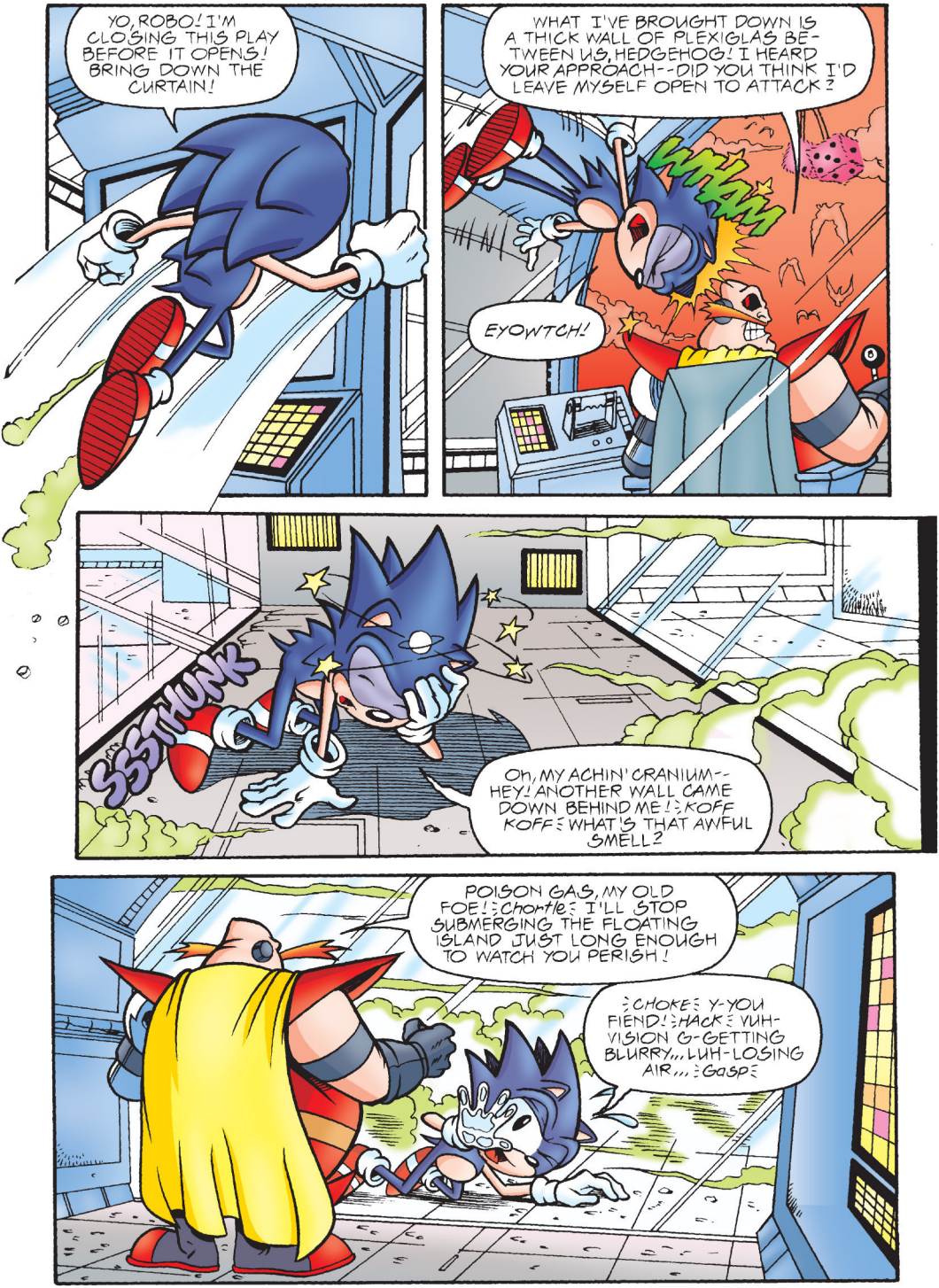
PART I
AND NOW, ON WITH THE SHOW!

YES! THE DEATH EGG IS FORCING THE FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SEA! ALL LIVING THINGS ON IT WILL BE DROWNED! THE EMERALDS WILL BE MINE AND THIS SHIP WILL BE INVULNERABLE!
CRUNCH TIME! I'VE GOTTA SLIP OUT OF THE CONTROL ROOM AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP IVO!
Aha! ONE LAST SWATBOT TO TRASH AND THEN IT'S CLEAR SAILING TO THE FAT MAN!
HOLD STILL, TINTOP--THIS'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SEC--HEY!
SWOOP
Hmm-- PRETTY FAST REFLEXES FOR A ROBOT...
BUT NO-BOT-Y'S FAST ENOUGH TO DUCK A SONIC SPIN!
BTANG
OOOF!
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A LARGE KICK TO THE SMALL OF THE BACK!
WHOP


STOP, SON-- UHHMF! CUT IT OWW!
PUNT!
THAT VOICE--THOSE FURRY APPENDAGES STICKING OUT OF THE SWATBOT--
--TAILS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, LITTLE BUDDY! HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THAT 'BOT SHELL?
I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL TO YOU LATER. RIGHT NOW, THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO STOP ROBOTNIK FROM SUBMERGING THE FLOATING ISLAND AND ACQUIRING THEIR CHAOS EMERALDS!
NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE, CHUM. CHILL, WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!


YO, ROBO! I'M CLOSING THIS PLAY BEFORE IT OPENS! BRING DOWN THE CURTAIN!
WHAT I'VE BROUGHT DOWN IS A THICK WALL OF PLEXIGLAS BETWEEN US, HEDGEHOG! I HEARD YOUR APPROACH--DID YOU THINK I'D LEAVE MYSELF OPEN TO ATTACK?
WHAM
EYOWTCH!
SSSTHUNK
Oh, MY ACHIN' CRANIUM-- HEY! ANOTHER WALL CAME DOWN BEHIND ME! :KOFF KOFF: WHAT'S THAT AWFUL SMELL?
POISON GAS, MY OLD FOE! :Chortle: I'LL STOP SUBMERGING THE FLOATING ISLAND JUST LONG ENOUGH TO WATCH YOU PERISH!
:CHOKE: Y-YOU FIEND! :HACK: YUH-VISION G-GETTING BLURRY... LUH-LOSING AIR... :Gasp:

NOT SO FAST, FATTY! THIS SWAT-BOT SUIT'S JET BOOTS ARE STILL WORKING!
GADZOOKS! TAILS COMING IN THROUGH THE DEATH EGG'S EYE FROM OUTSIDE!
SKTASK
RIGHT! HERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT STILL FUNCTIONS ON THIS 'BOT... THE BLASTERS!
SKTOW
SKTOW
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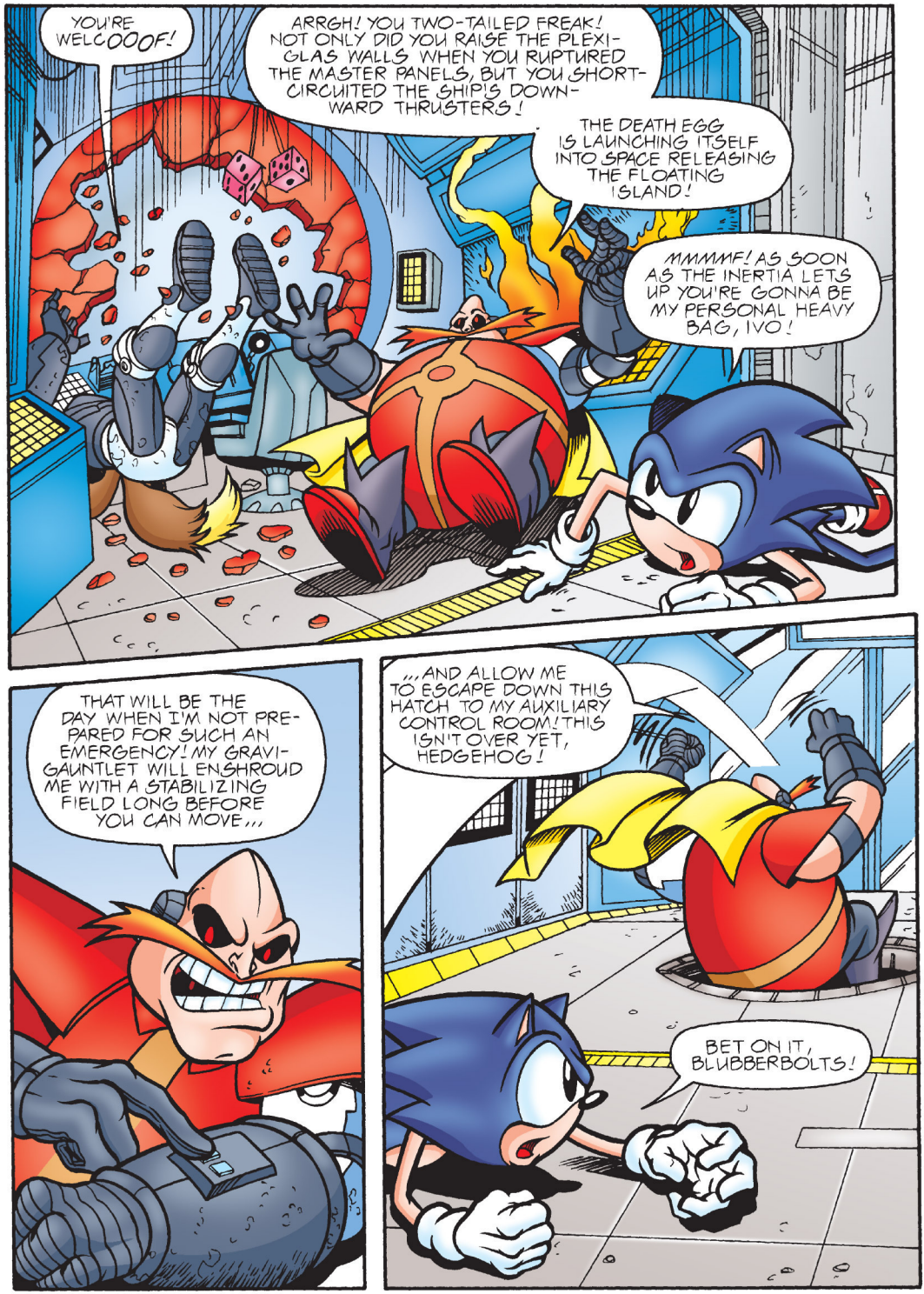
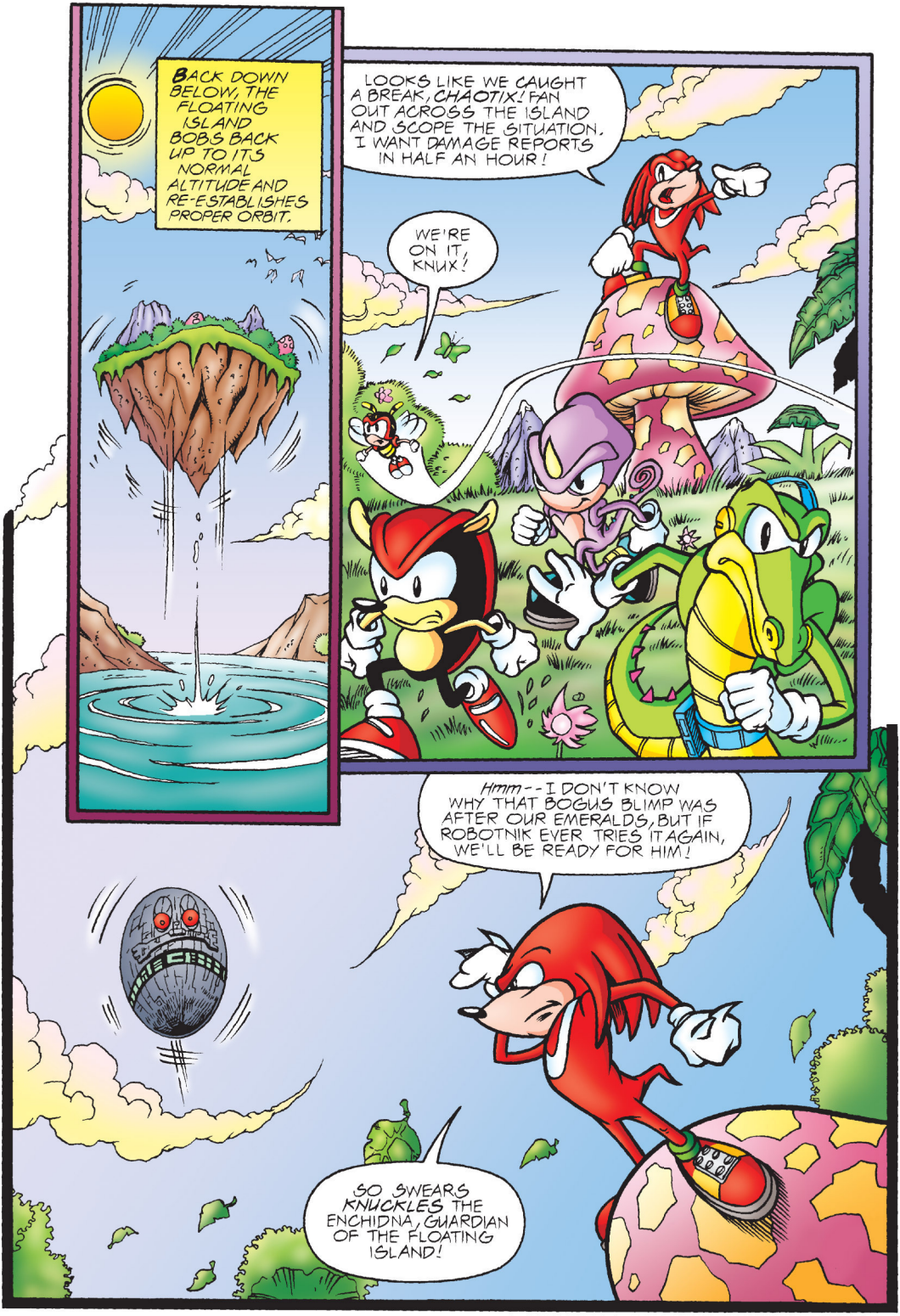
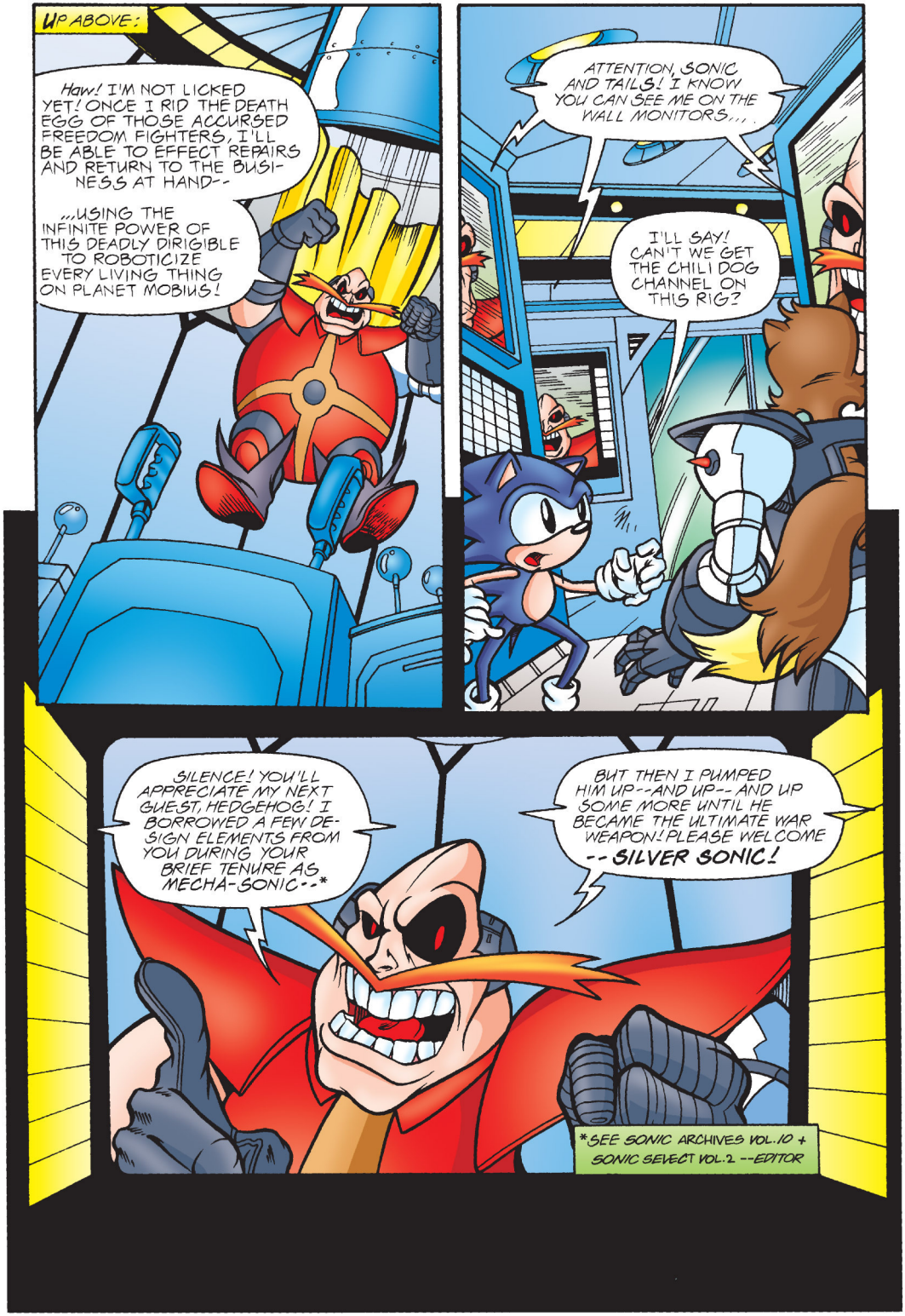
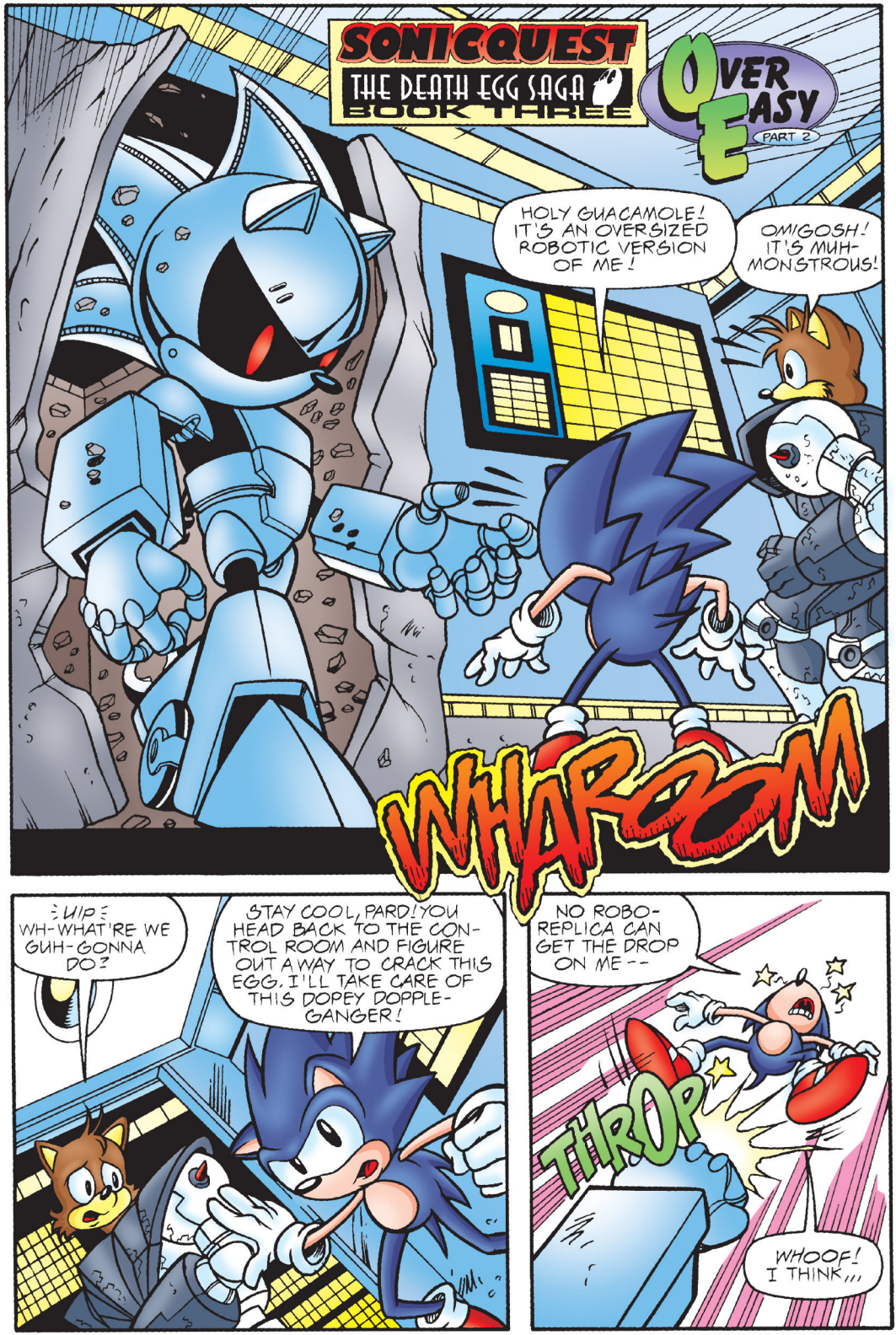
YOU FOOL! YOU'RE DESTROYING THE CONTROL CONSOLES!
FSSSH
:WHEEZE: AND JUH-JUST IN T-TIME... :KOFF: TH-THANKS, LITTLE BUDDY!


YOU'RE WELCOOOF!
ARRGH! YOU TWO-TAILED FREAK! NOT ONLY DID YOU RAISE THE PLEXI-GLAS WALLS WHEN YOU RUPTURED THE MASTER PANELS, BUT YOU SHORT-CIRCUITED THE SHIP'S DOWN-WARD THRUSTERS!
THE DEATH EGG IS LAUNCHING ITSELF INTO SPACE RELEASING THE FLOATING ISLAND!
MMMMF! AS SOON AS THE INERTIA LETS UP YOU'RE GONNA BE MY PERSONAL HEAVY BAG, IVO!
THAT WILL BE THE DAY WHEN I'M NOT PRE-PARED FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY! MY GRAVI-GAUNTLET WILL ENSHROUD ME WITH A STABILIZING FIELD LONG BEFORE YOU CAN MOVE...
...AND ALLOW ME TO ESCAPE DOWN THIS HATCH TO MY AUXILIARY CONTROL ROOM! THIS ISN'T OVER YET, HEDGEHOG!
BET ON IT, BLUBBERBOLTS!


BACK DOWN BELOW, THE FLOATING ISLAND BOBS BACK UP TO ITS NORMAL ALTITUDE AND RE-ESTABLISHES PROPER ORBIT.
LOOKS LIKE WE CAUGHT A BREAK, CHAOTIX! FAN OUT ACROSS THE ISLAND AND SCOPE THE SITUATION. I WANT DAMAGE REPORTS IN HALF AN HOUR!
WE'RE ON IT, KNUX!
HMM--I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT BOGUS BLIMP WAS AFTER OUR EMERALDS, BUT IF ROBOTNIK EVER TRIES IT AGAIN, WE'LL BE READY FOR HIM!
SO SWEARS KNUCKLES THE ENCHIDNA, GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!


UP ABOVE:
Haw! I'M NOT LICKED YET! ONCE I RID THE DEATH EGG OF THOSE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS, I'LL BE ABLE TO EFFECT REPAIRS AND RETURN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND--
...USING THE INFINITE POWER OF THIS DEADLY DIRIGIBLE TO ROBOTICIZE EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS!
ATTENTION, SONIC AND TAILS! I KNOW YOU CAN SEE ME ON THE WALL MONITORS...
I'LL SAY! CAN'T WE GET THE CHILI DOG CHANNEL ON THIS RIG?
SILENCE! YOU'LL APPRECIATE MY NEXT GUEST, HEDGEHOG! I BORROWED A FEW DESIGN ELEMENTS FROM YOU DURING YOUR BRIEF TENURE AS MECHA-SONIC--*
BUT THEN I PUMPED HIM UP--AND UP--AND UP SOME MORE UNTIL HE BECAME THE ULTIMATE WAR WEAPON! PLEASE WELCOME --SILVER SONIC!
*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.10 + SONIC SEVECT VOL.2 --EDITOR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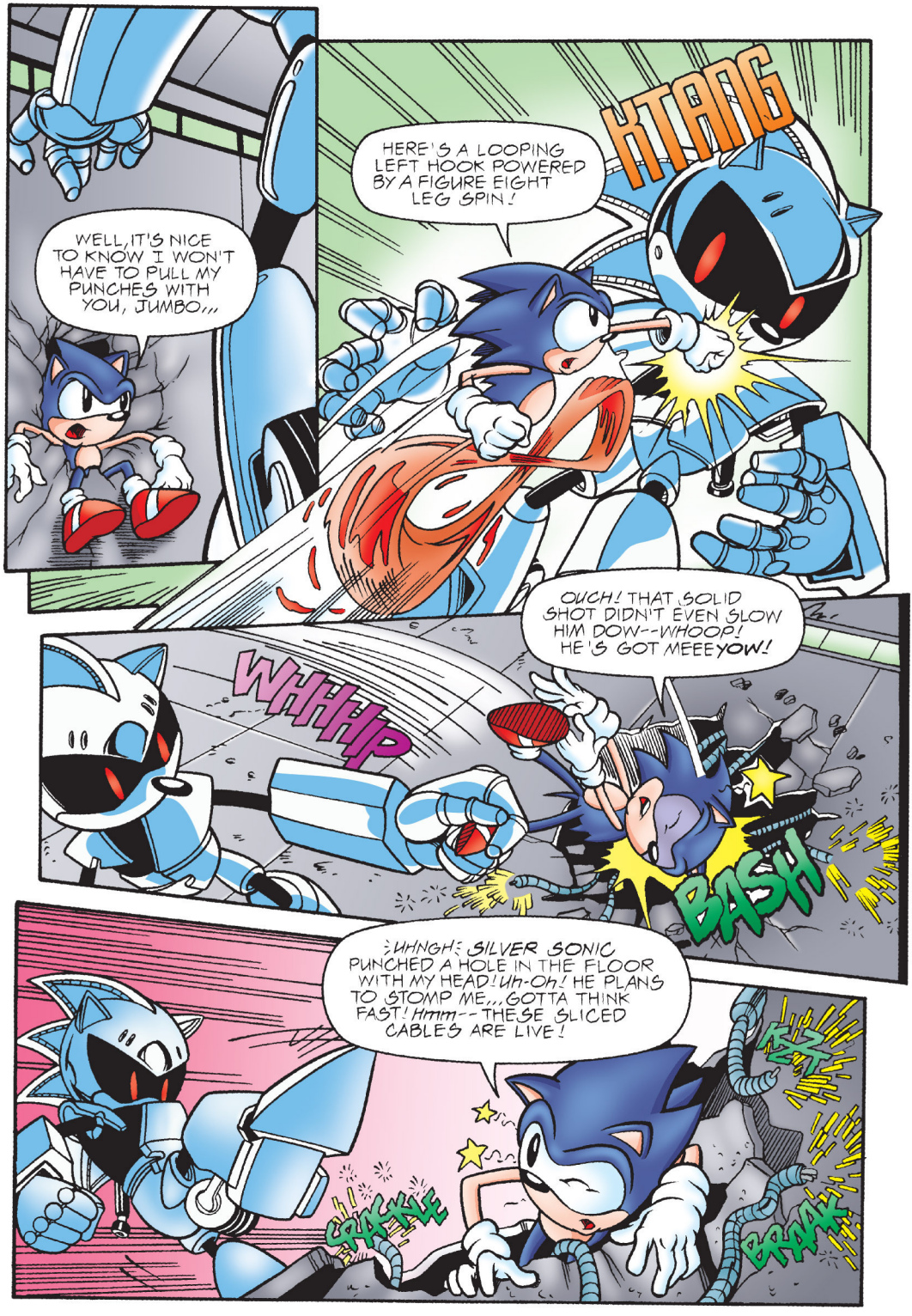
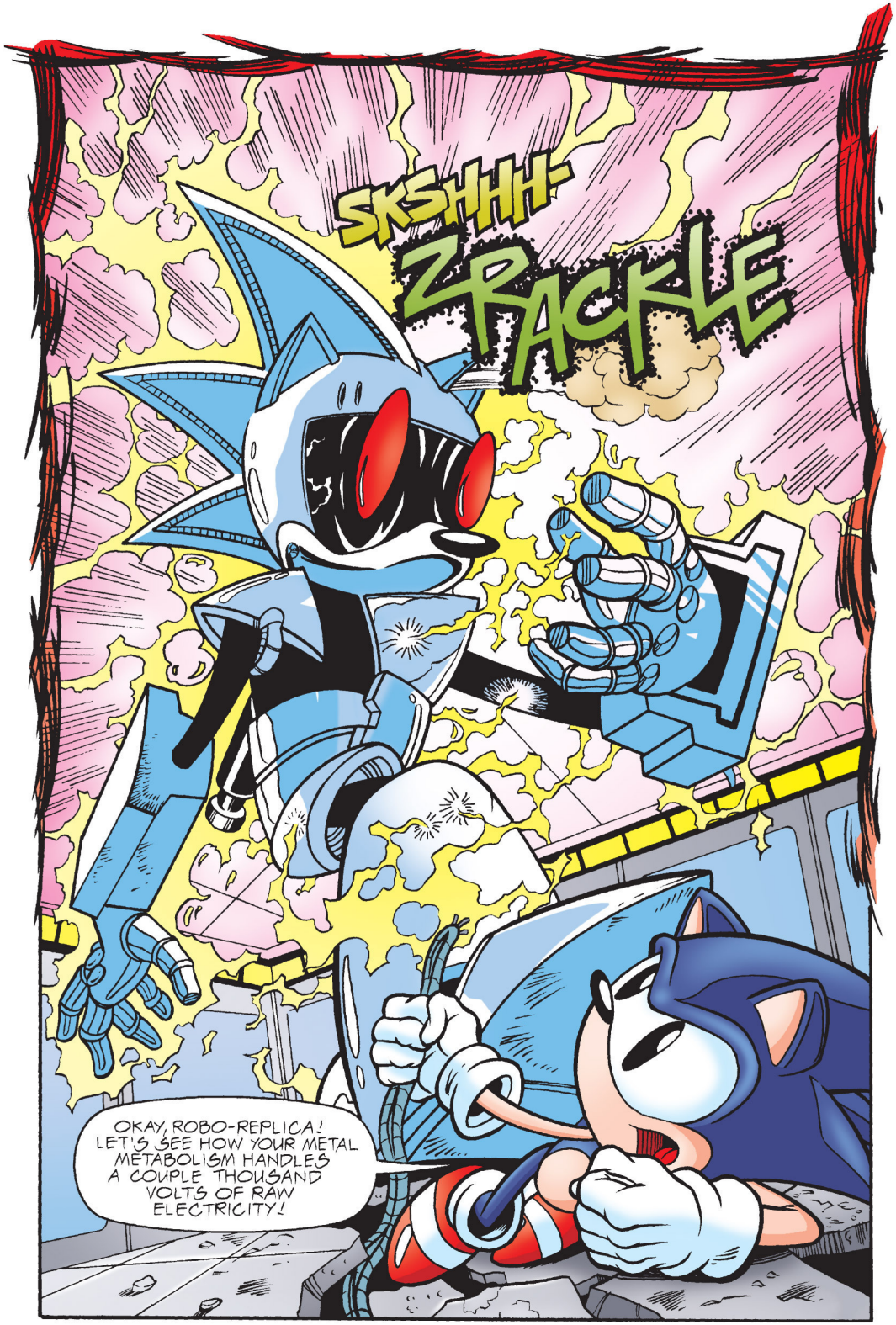
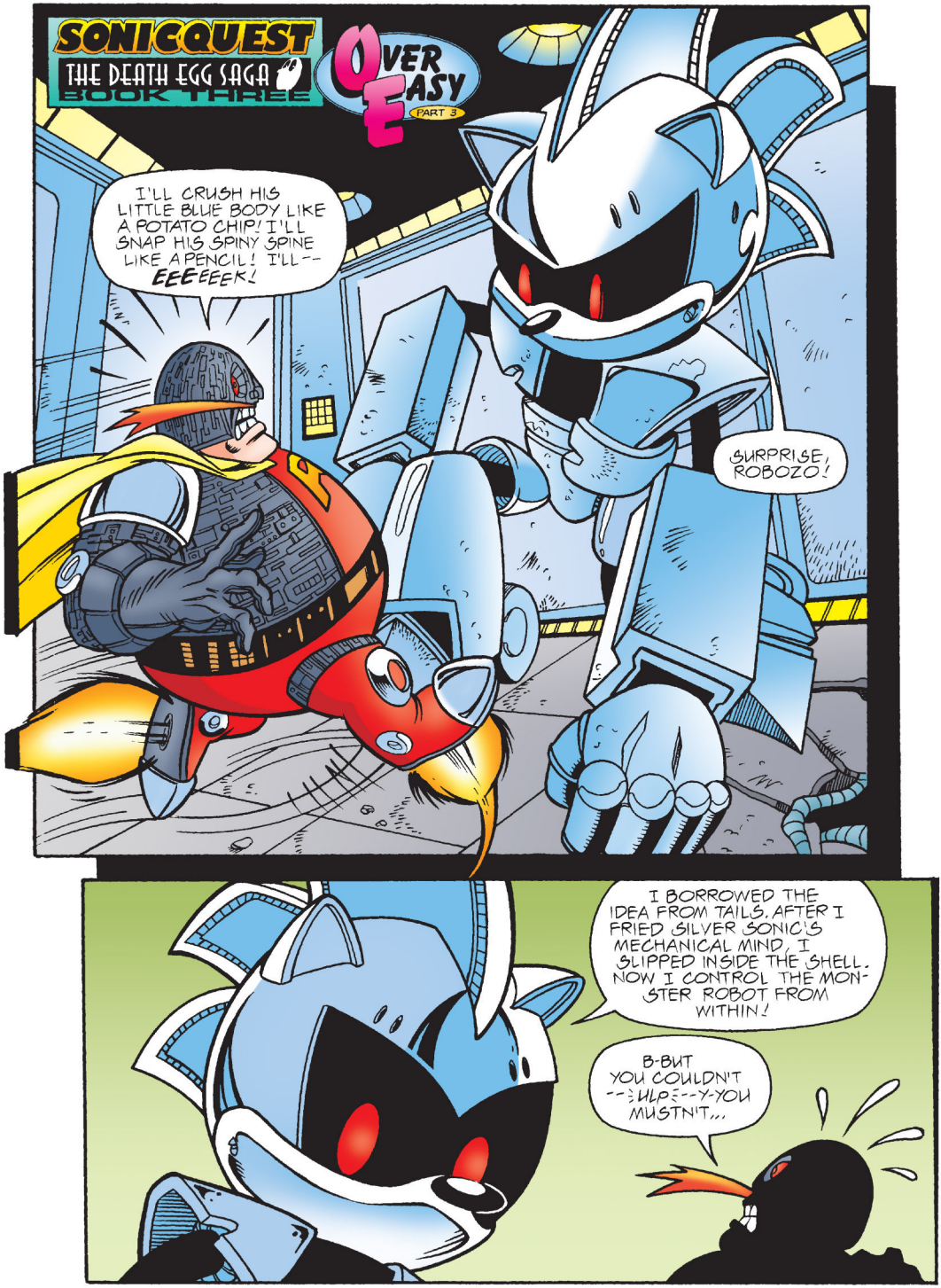
HOLY GUACAMOLE! IT'S AN OVERSIZED ROBOTIC VERSION OF ME!
OMIGOSH! IT'S MUH-MONSTROUS!
WHAROOM
:UIP: WH-WHAT'RE WE GUH-GONNA DO?
STAY COOL, PARD! YOU HEAD BACK TO THE CONTROL ROOM AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CRACK THIS EGG. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS DOPEY DOPPLEGANGER!
NO ROBO-REPLICA CAN GET THE DROP ON ME--
THROP
WHOOF! I THINK...


WELL, IT'S NICE TO KNOW I WON'T HAVE TO PULL MY PUNCHES WITH YOU, JUMBO...
HERE'S A LOOPING LEFT HOOK POWERED BY A FIGURE EIGHT LEG SPIN!
KTANG
OUCH! THAT SOLID SHOT DIDN'T EVEN SLOW HIM DOW--WHOOP! HE'S GOT MEEEYOW!
WHHHP
BASH
:UHNGH: SILVER SONIC PUNCHED A HOLE IN THE FLOOR WITH MY HEAD! Uh-Oh! HE PLANS TO STOMP ME... GOTTA THINK FAST! Hmm-- THESE SLICED CABLES ARE LIVE!
CRACKLE
BRAAK


SKSHHH-
ZRACKLE
OKAY, ROBO-REPLICA! LET'S SEE HOW YOUR METAL METABOLISM HANDLES A COUPLE THOUSAND VOLTS OF RAW ELECTRICITY!

Whew! IT WORKED -- SILVER SONIC'S BURNED OUT!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I WON'T ALLOW MY BRILLIANTLY CONCEIVED SCENARIO TO BE FOILED BY THAT POMPOUS LITTLE PORKER!
HE LEAVES ME NO CHOICE BUT TO INITIATE "PLAN E"!
:Chuckle: SONIC'S DOOM IS FINALLY AT HAND! A QUICK CHANGE AND I'LL BE CLAD IN THE MOST SOPHISTICATED BATTLE ARMOR EVER...
CHANGE ROOM
...THE EGGS-O-SKELETON!
ITS BIO-CIRCUITRY IS PSIONICALLY LINKED TO THE DEATH EGG ITSELF, MAKING ME POWERFUL BEYOND COMPARE--
--AS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ABOUT TO FIND OUT... THE HARD WAY!
FROOSH!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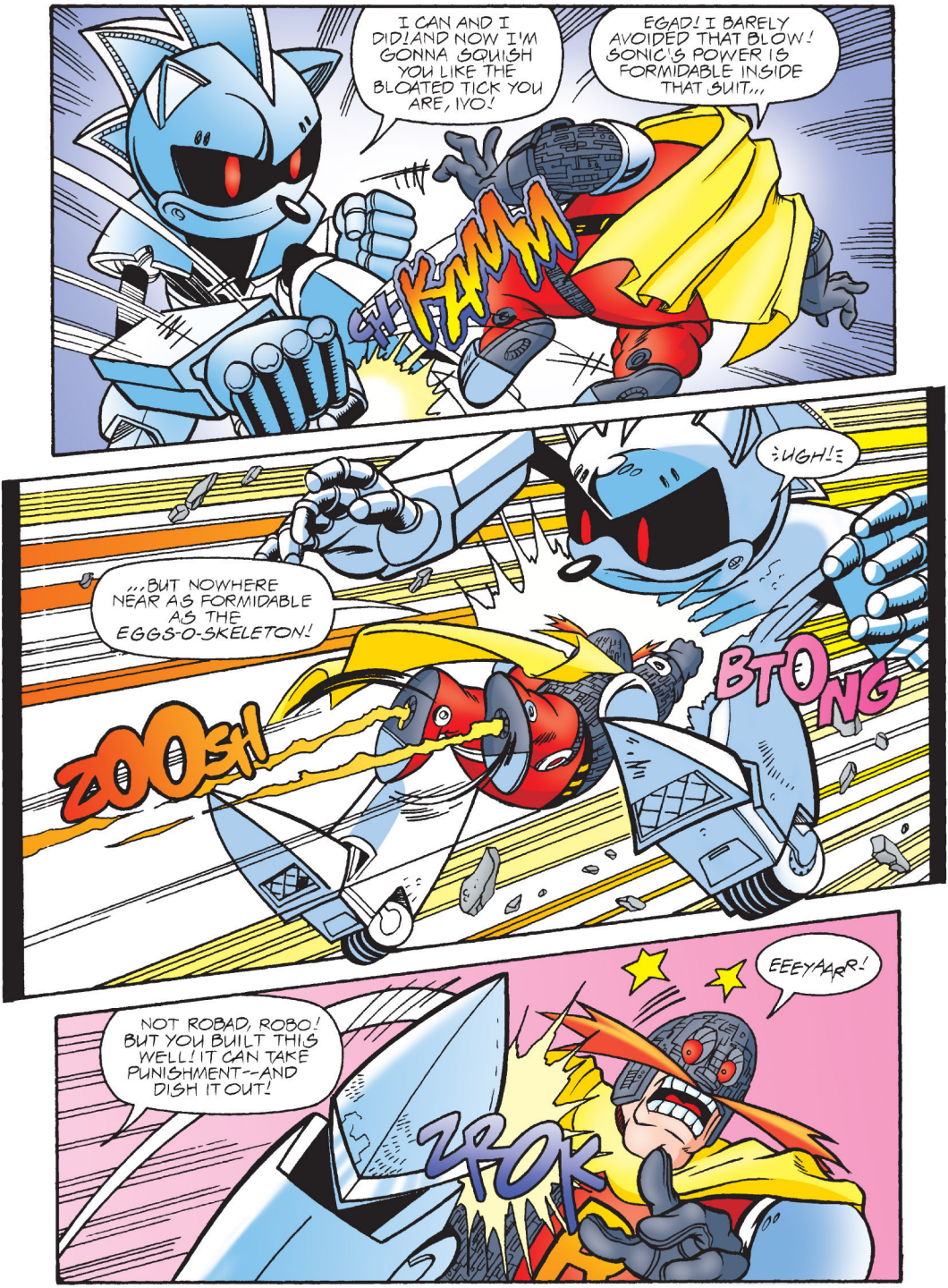
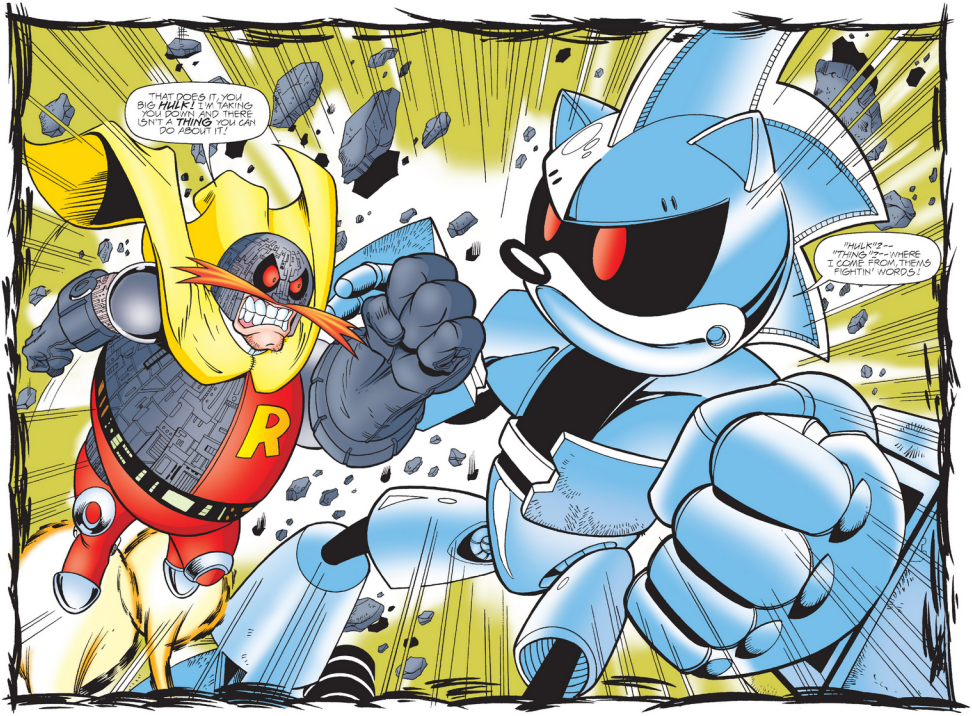
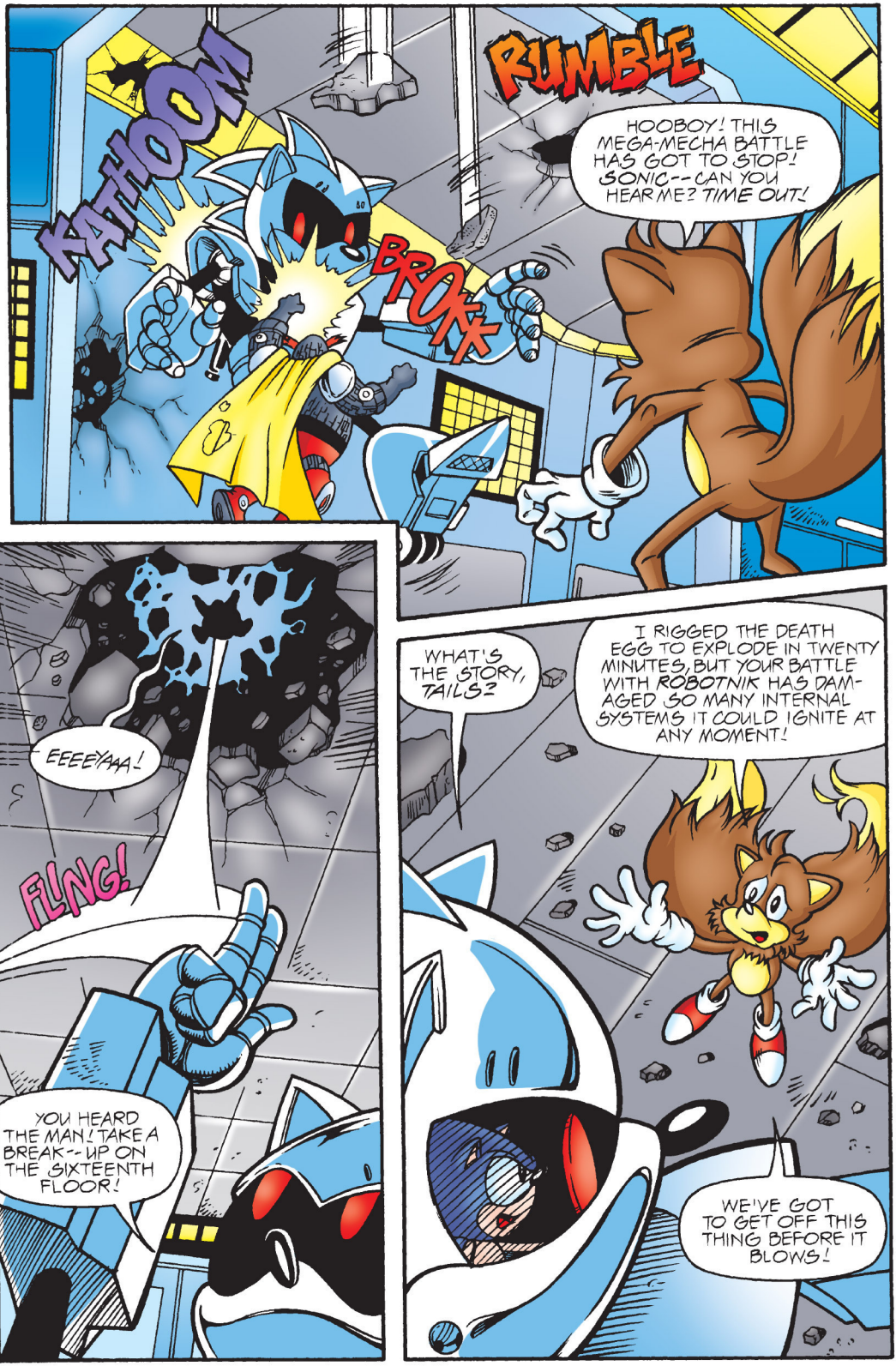
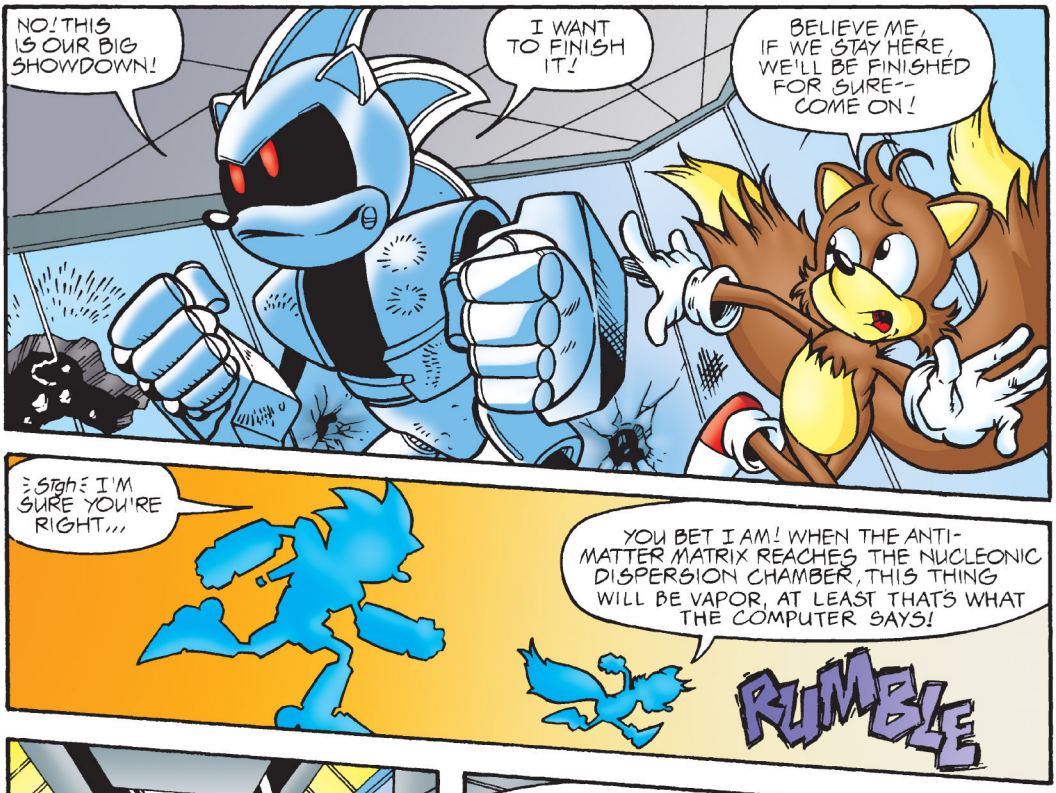
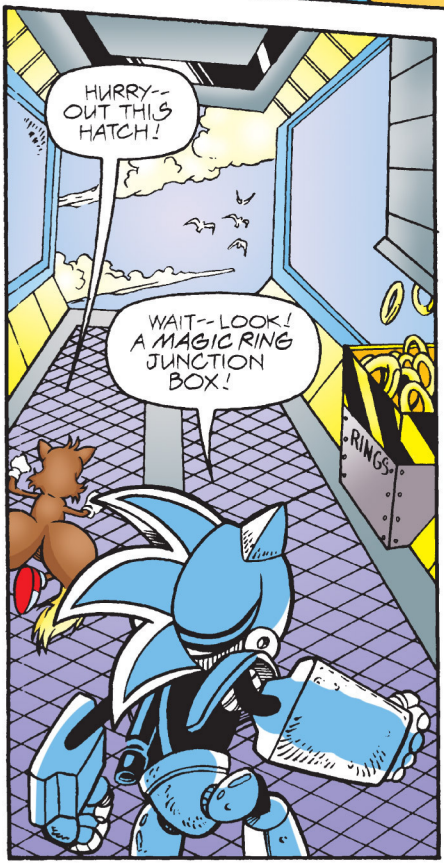
I'LL CRUSH HIS LITTLE BLUE BODY LIKE A POTATO CHIP! I'LL SNAP HIS SPINY SPINE LIKE A PENCIL! I'LL-- EEEEEEK!
SURPRISE, ROBOZO!
I BORROWED THE IDEA FROM TAILS. AFTER I FRIED SILVER SONIC'S MECHANICAL MIND, I SLIPPED INSIDE THE SHELL. NOW I CONTROL THE MONSTER ROBOT FROM WITHIN!
B-BUT YOU COULDN'T --; HLP=--Y-YOU MUSTN'T...

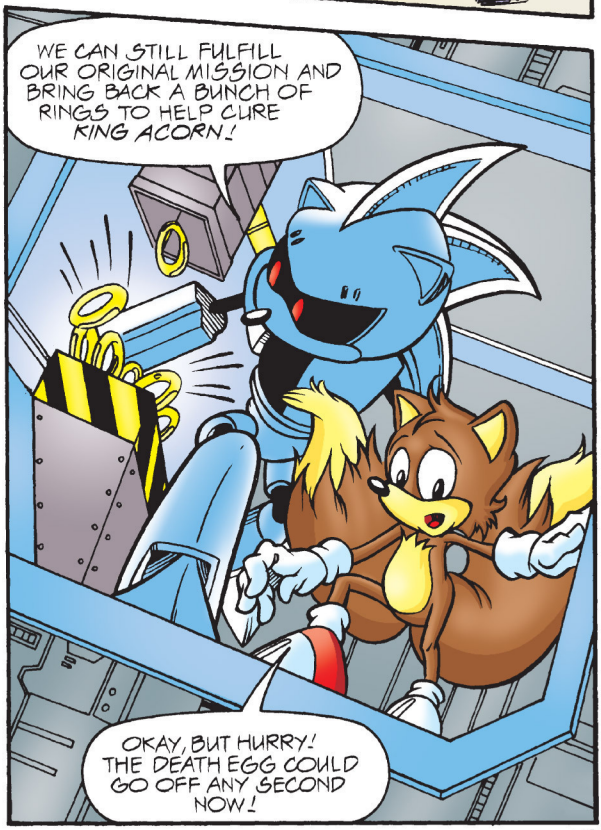

I CAN AND I DID! AND NOW I'M GONNA SQUISH YOU LIKE THE BLOATED TICK YOU ARE, IVO!
EGAD! I BARELY AVOIDED THAT BLOW! SONIC'S POWER IS FORMIDABLE INSIDE THAT SUIT...
KAMM
:UGH!:
...BUT NOWHERE NEAR AS FORMIDABLE AS THE EGGS-O-SKELETON!
ZOOSH
BTONG
EEEYAAR!
NOT ROBAD, ROBO! BUT YOU BUILT THIS WELL! IT CAN TAKE PUNISHMENT--AND DISH IT OUT!
ZROK

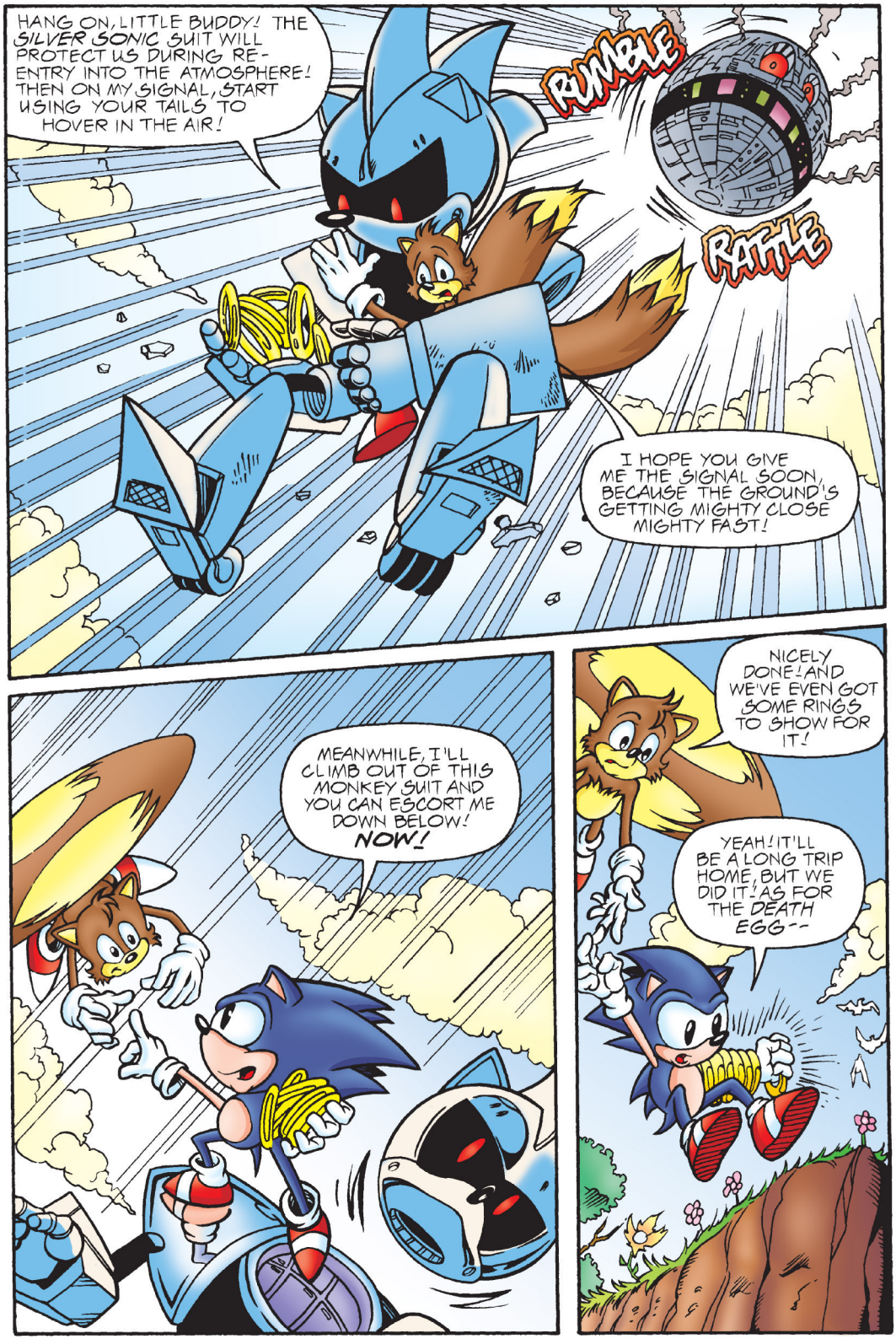

THAT DOES IT, YOU BIG HULK! I'M TAKING YOU DOWN AND THERE ISN'T A THING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!
"HULK"!?--"THING"!?--WHERE I COME FROM, THEM'S FIGHTIN' WORDS!


KATHOOM!
RUMBLE
HOOBOY! THIS MEGA-MECHA BATTLE HAS GOT TO STOP! SONIC--CAN YOU HEAR ME? TIME OUT!
BROKK
EEEEYAAA!
FLING!
YOU HEARD THE MAN! TAKE A BREAK--UP ON THE SIXTEENTH FLOOR!
WHAT'S THE STORY, TAILS?
I RIGGED THE DEATH EGG TO EXPLODE IN TWENTY MINUTES, BUT YOUR BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK HAS DAMAGED SO MANY INTERNAL SYSTEMS IT COULD IGNITE AT ANY MOMENT!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS THING BEFORE IT BLOWS!

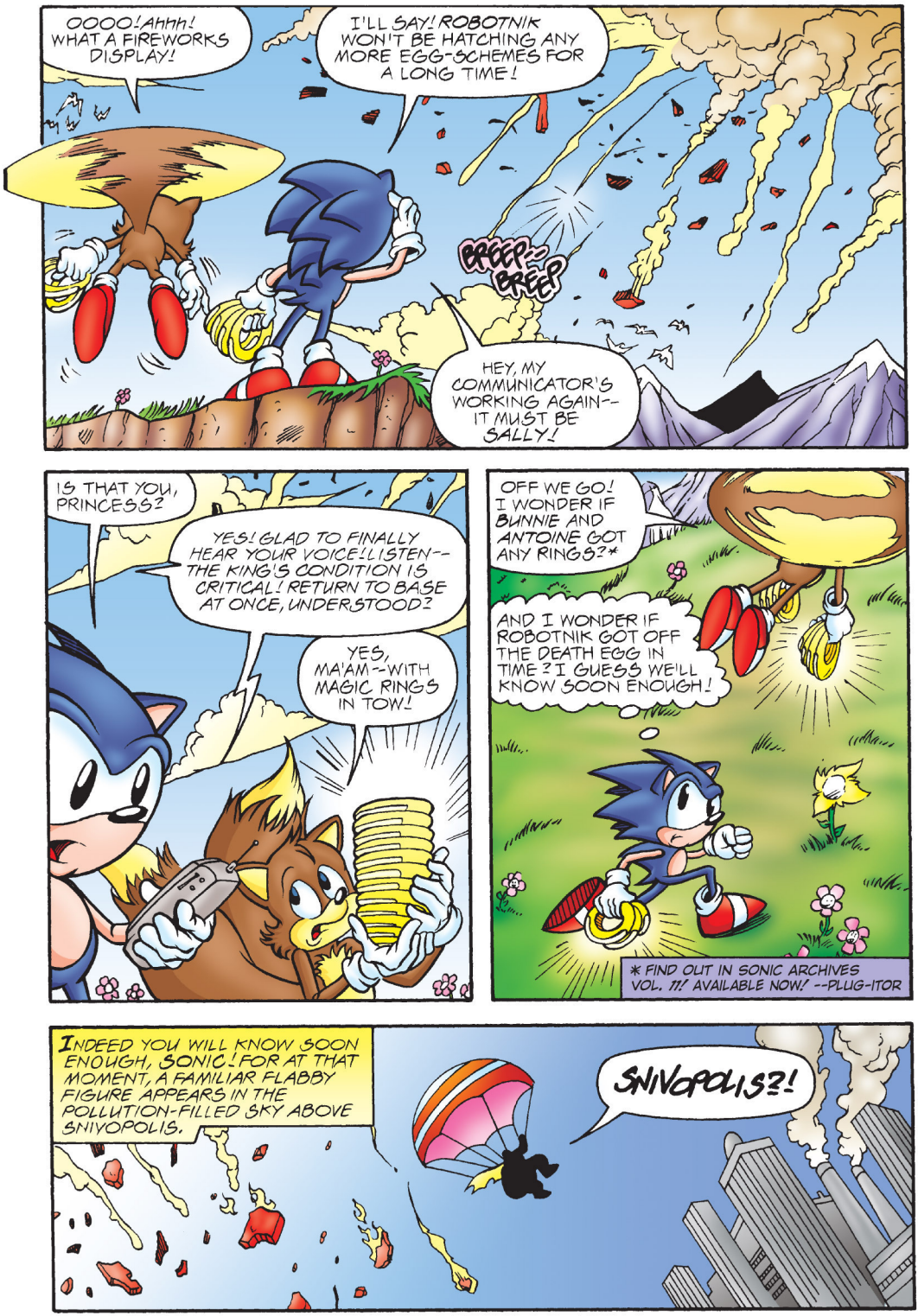

NO! THIS IS OUR BIG SHOWDOWN!
I WANT TO FINISH IT!
BELIEVE ME, IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL BE FINISHED FOR SURE-- COME ON!
:SIGH: I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU BET I AM! WHEN THE ANTI-MATTER MATRIX REACHES THE NUCLEONIC DISPERSION CHAMBER, THIS THING WILL BE VAPOR, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE COMPUTER SAYS!
RUMBLE

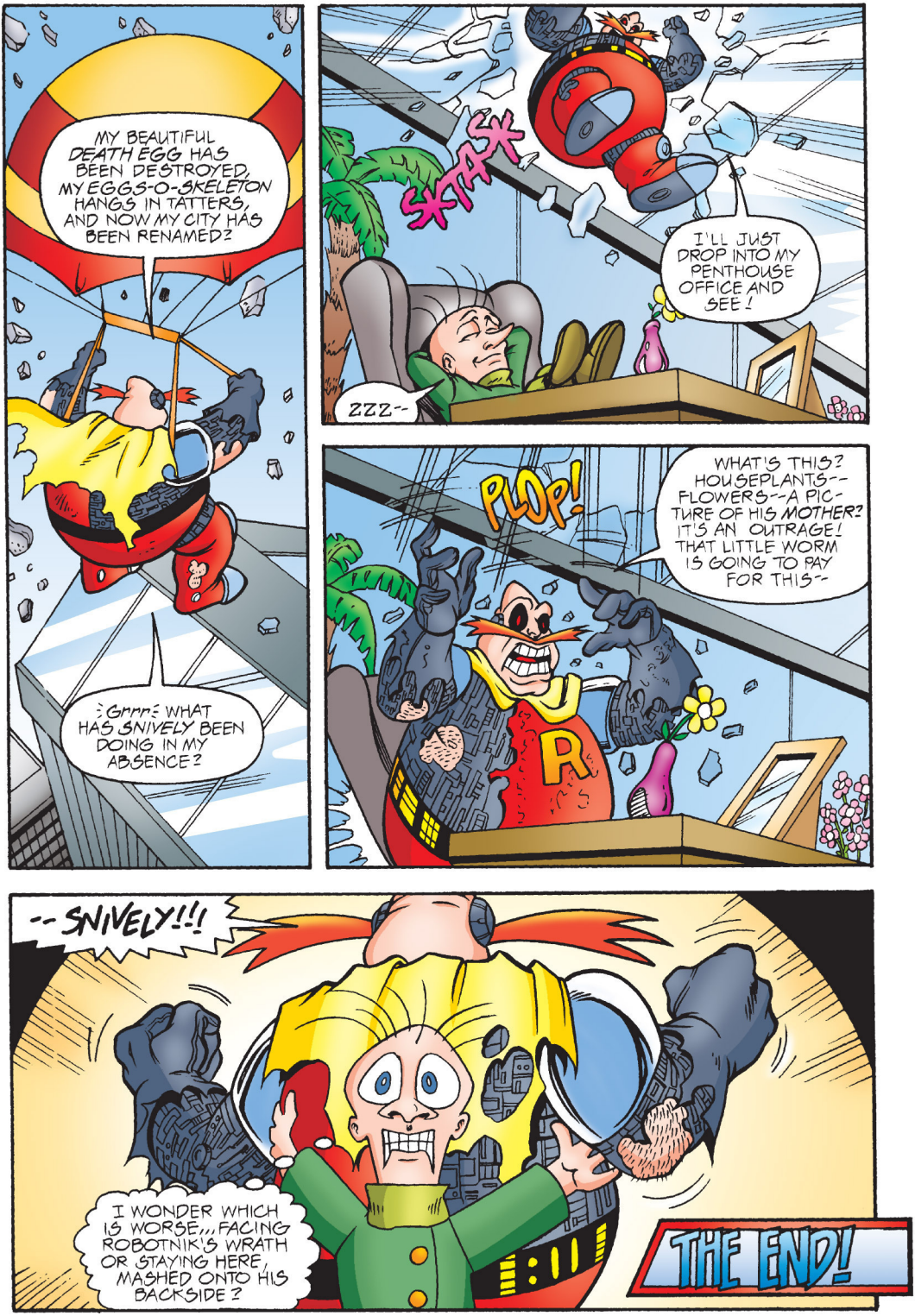

HURRY-- OUT THIS HATCH!
WAIT-- LOOK! A MAGIC RING JUNCTION BOX!
RINGS


WE CAN STILL FULFILL OUR ORIGINAL MISSION AND BRING BACK A BUNCH OF RINGS TO HELP CURE KING ACORN!
OKAY, BUT HURRY! THE DEATH EGG COULD GO OFF ANY SECOND NOW!


HANG ON, LITTLE BUDDY! THE SILVER SONIC SUIT WILL PROTECT US DURING RE-ENTRY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE! THEN ON MY SIGNAL, START USING YOUR TAILS TO HOVER IN THE AIR!
RUMBLE
RATTLE
I HOPE YOU GIVE ME THE SIGNAL SOON, BECAUSE THE GROUND'S GETTING MIGHTY CLOSE MIGHTY FAST!
MEANWHILE, I'LL CLIMB OUT OF THIS MONKEY SUIT AND YOU CAN ESCORT ME DOWN BELOW! NOW!
NICELY DONE! AND WE'VE EVEN GOT SOME RINGS TO SHOW FOR IT!
YEAH! IT'LL BE A LONG TRIP HOME, BUT WE DID IT! AS FOR THE DEATH EGG--

KA BOOM!
THE DETONATION OF THE DEADLY DIRIGIBLE IS SEEN AND FELT ALL OVER THE PLANET MOBIUS.


OOOO! Ahhh! WHAT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
I'LL SAY! ROBOTNIK WON'T BE HATCHING ANY MORE EGG-SCHEMES FOR A LONG TIME!
BREEP-- BREEP
HEY, MY COMMUNICATOR'S WORKING AGAIN-- IT MUST BE SALLY!
IS THAT YOU, PRINCESS?
YES! GLAD TO FINALLY HEAR YOUR VOICE! LISTEN-- THE KING'S CONDITION IS CRITICAL! RETURN TO BASE AT ONCE, UNDERSTOOD?
YES, MA'AM--WITH MAGIC RINGS IN TOW!
OFF WE GO! I WONDER IF BUNNIE AND ANTOINE GOT ANY RINGS?*
AND I WONDER IF ROBOTNIK GOT OFF THE DEATH EGG IN TIME? I GUESS WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH!
* FIND OUT IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. II! AVAILABLE NOW! --PLUG-ITOR
INDEED YOU WILL KNOW SOON ENOUGH, SONIC! FOR AT THAT MOMENT, A FAMILIAR FLABBY FIGURE APPEARS IN THE POLLUTION-FILLED SKY ABOVE SNIVOPOLIS.
SNIVOPOLIS?!


MY BEAUTIFUL DEATH EGG HAS BEEN DESTROYED, MY EGGS-O-SKELETON HANGS IN TATTERS, AND NOW MY CITY HAS BEEN RENAMED?
:Grrr: WHAT HAS SNIVELY BEEN DOING IN MY ABSENCE?
SKTAK
I'LL JUST DROP INTO MY PENTHOUSE OFFICE AND SEE!
ZZZ--
PLOP!
WHAT'S THIS? HOUSEPLANTS-- FLOWERS--A PICTURE OF HIS MOTHER? IT'S AN OUTRAGE! THAT LITTLE WORM IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS--
R
--SNIVELY!!!
I WONDER WHICH IS WORSE,,, FACING ROBOTNIK'S WRATH OR STAYING HERE, MASHED ONTO HIS BACKSIDE?
THE END!

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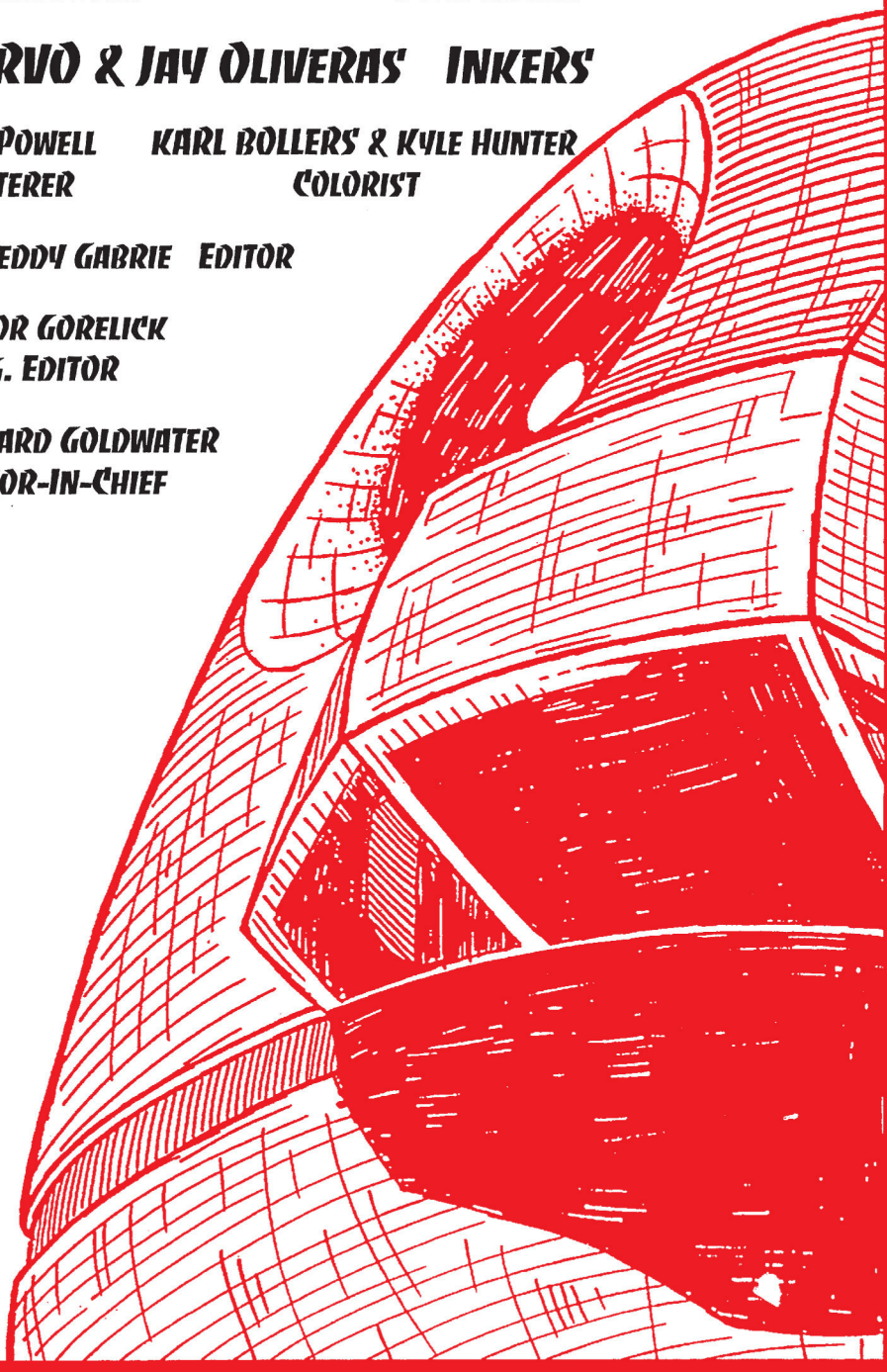

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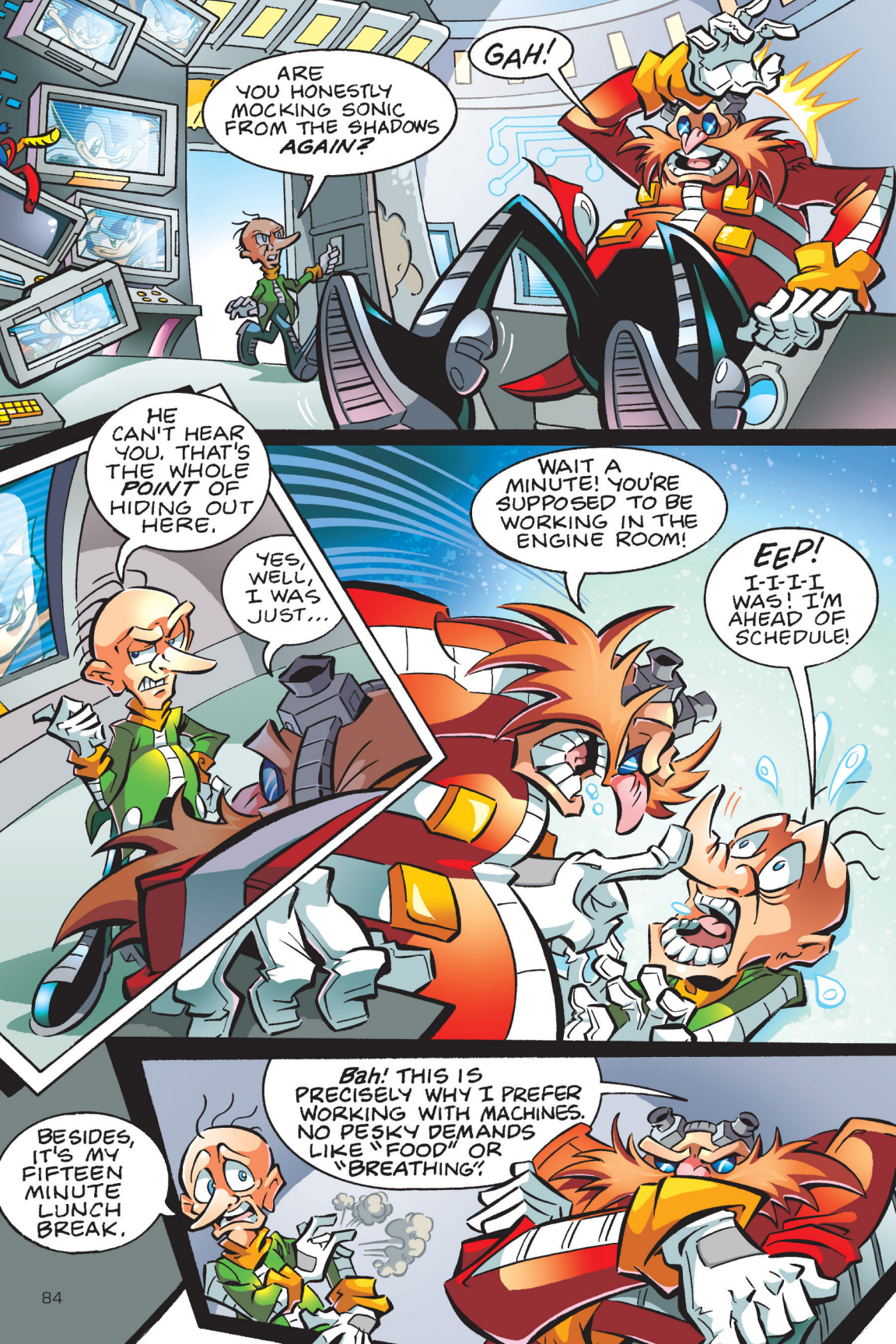
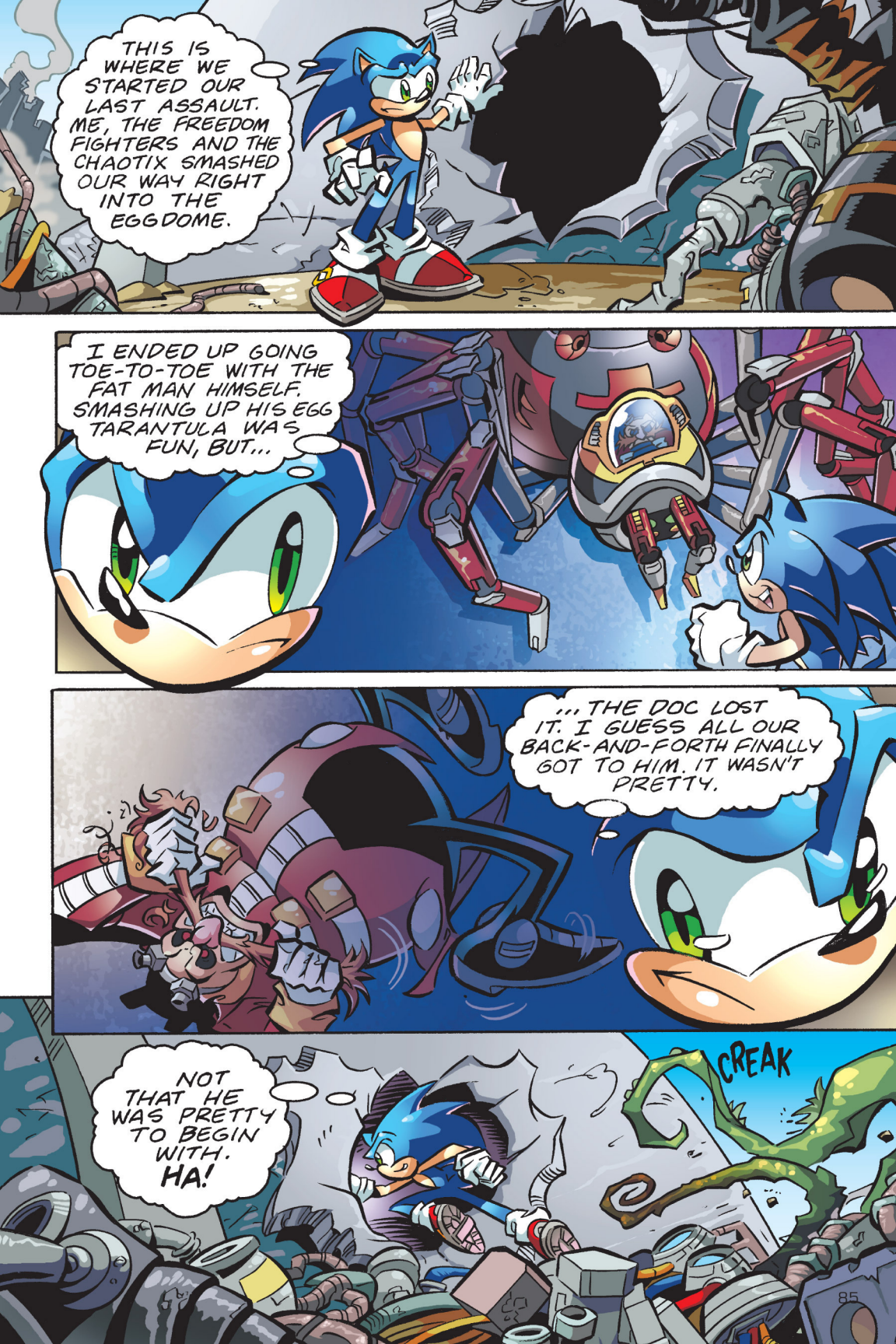
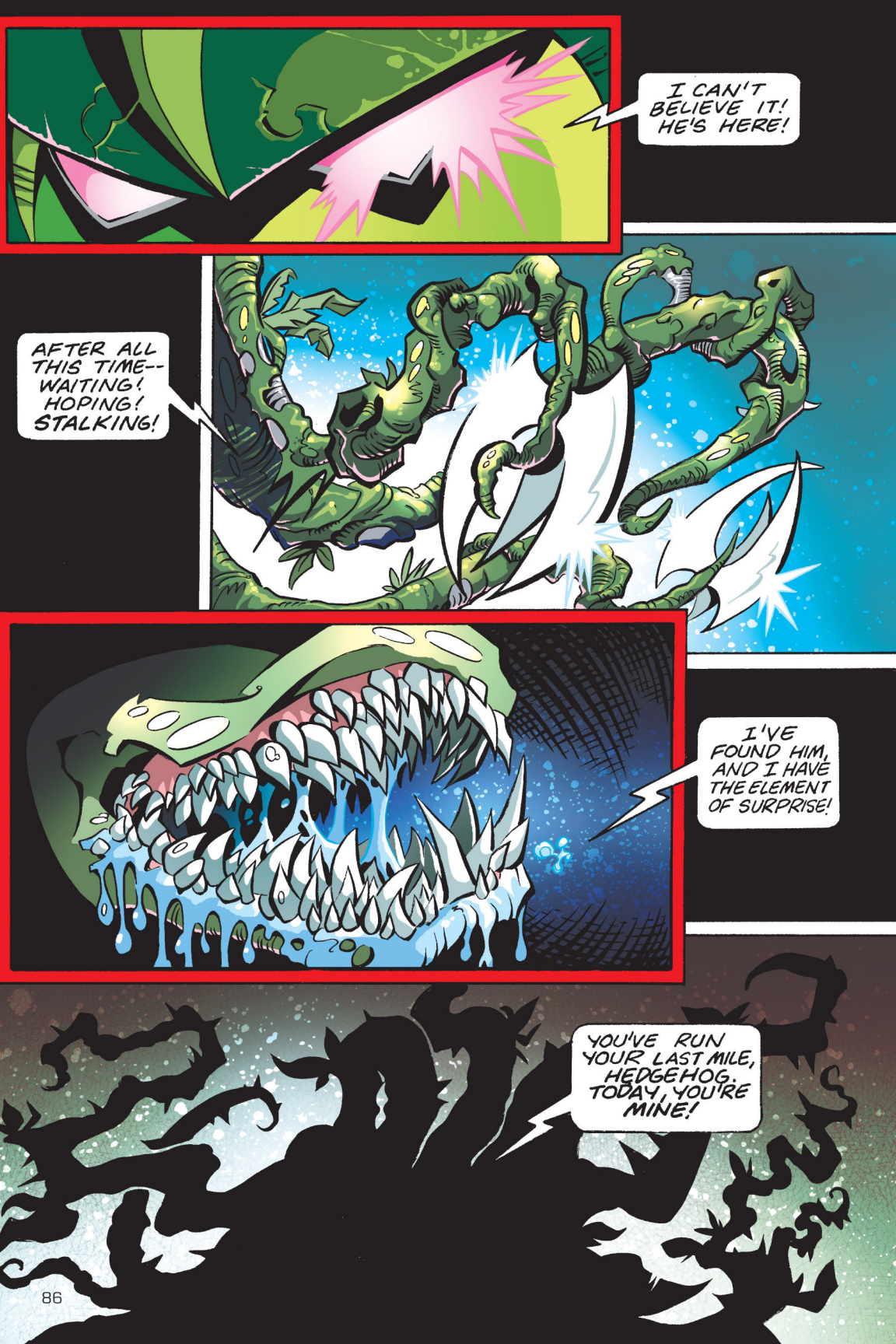
AND SINCE THAT THING ISN'T GOING TO COME TO ME...

MAN, THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES OF WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE OL' EGGMAN IN HIS OLD CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS.
WE KEPT CHASING HIM AROUND UNTIL HE SETTLED HERE. AND THEN HE WENT AND LET THIS CITY GET BLOWN UP TOO!
AND THEN HE UP AND VANISHED. WHICH, TO ME, MEANS HE'S GOT TO BE HIDING IN THERE--
IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS PUTTING ALL HIS ATTENTION ON BUILDING UP THE EGGDOME BEFORE HE LOST HIS MARBLES.

"--SOMEWHERE."
AND HERE YOU COME AGAIN, SONIC. THINK YOU'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK THIS TIME?
YOU COME BACK, TIME AND AGAIN, AND FIND NOTHING. YOU'LL FIND NOTHING THIS TIME, EITHER.
YOU HAD YOUR FUN WHILE I WAS AWAY. BUT NOW I WILL DICTATE THE TERMS OF OF MY RETURN. I WILL ORCHESTRATE WHAT IS TO COME.
SO RUN, RUN, RUN! RUN AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE! BUT YOU WILL NEVER FIND DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK!

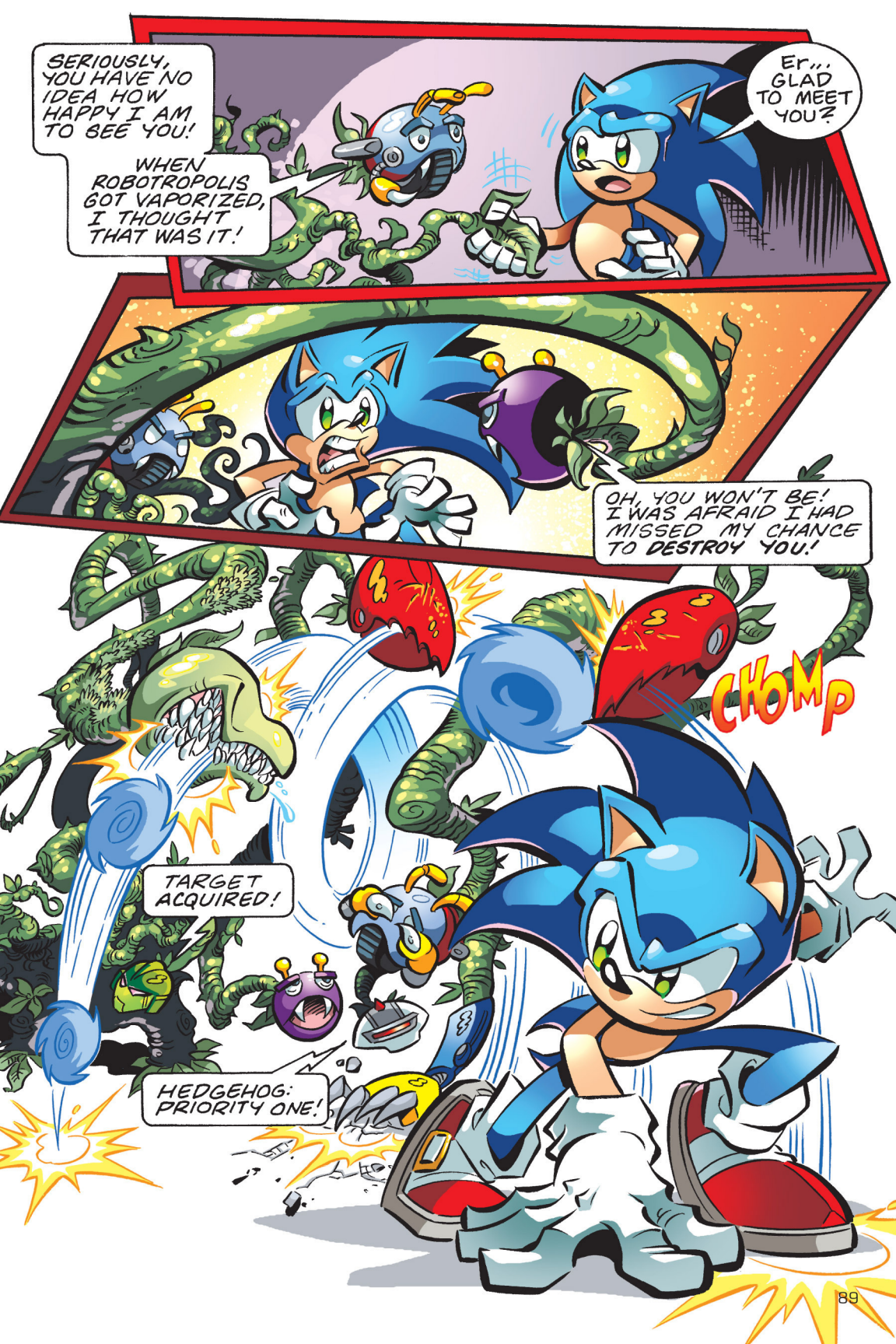

ARE YOU HONESTLY MOCKING SONIC FROM THE SHADOWS AGAIN?
GAH!
HE CAN'T HEAR YOU. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF HIDING OUT HERE.
YES, WELL, I WAS JUST...
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING IN THE ENGINE ROOM!
EEP! I-I-I-I WAS! I'M AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!
BESIDES, IT'S MY FIFTEEN MINUTE LUNCH BREAK.
Bah! THIS IS PRECISELY WHY I PREFER WORKING WITH MACHINES. NO PESKY DEMANDS LIKE "FOOD" OR "BREATHING".


THIS IS WHERE WE STARTED OUR LAST ASSAULT. ME, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE CHAOTIX SMASHED OUR WAY RIGHT INTO THE EGGDOME.
I ENDED UP GOING TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE FAT MAN HIMSELF. SMASHING UP HIS EGG TARANTULA WAS FUN, BUT...
...THE DOC LOST IT. I GUESS ALL OUR BACK-AND-FORTH FINALLY GOT TO HIM. IT WASN'T PRETTY.
NOT THAT HE WAS PRETTY TO BEGIN WITH. HA!
CREAK


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE'S HERE!
AFTER ALL THIS TIME-- WAITING! HOPING! STALKING!
I'VE FOUND HIM, AND I HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!
YOU'VE RUN YOUR LAST MILE, HEDGEHOG. TODAY, YOU'RE MINE!

"RIGHT AFTER WE THOUGHT THE DOC WAS DOWN FOR THE COUNT...
"...MONKEY KHAN CAME TO WARN US OF HIS SUCCESSORS.
"THE IRON QUEEN AND HER IRON DOMINION CAME IN AND STARTED RUNNING THE SHOW...
"...AND RAN US OUT OF TOWN. SO WE BROKE HER CONTROL OVER THE DRAGON KINGDOM OUT EAST...
"...AND THEN KICKED HER IRON BUTT, THAT STILL LEAVES LOONY EGGY AT LARGE, THO'."
DON'T TELL US YOU MISSED ALL THE FUN IN 2009?!

AAAAAND I'VE FOUND YET ANOTHER DEAD END, AND HERE I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE ONE HALLWAY I HADN'T EXPLORED THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SOMETHING.
WELL, I GUESS I'LL DOUBLE-BACK AND RE-CHECK--
WHAT THE--?!
AT LONG LAST! I'VE FINALLY CAUGHT YOU! NOW YOU FACE THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!

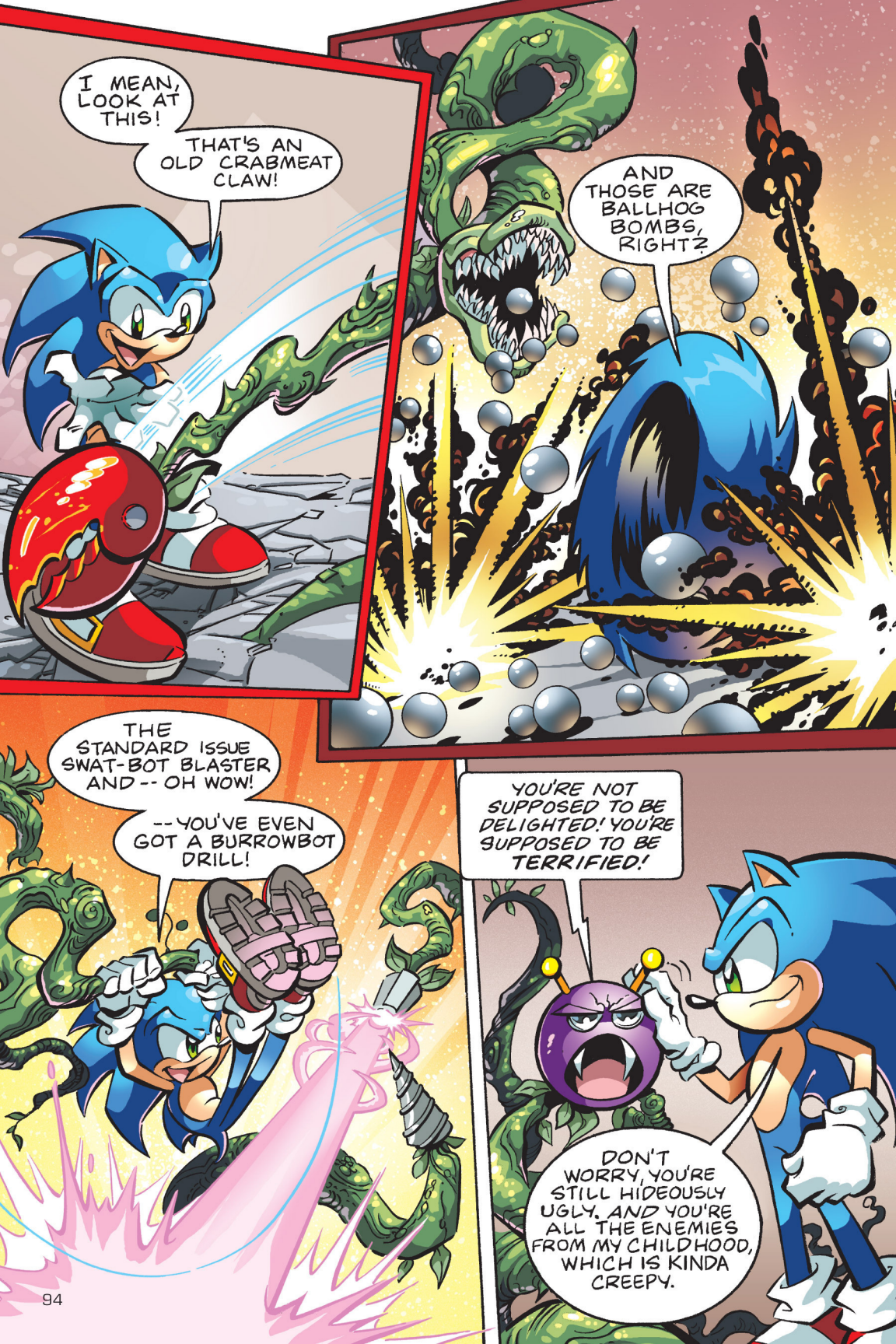

SERIOUSLY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY I AM TO SEE YOU!
WHEN ROBOTROPOLIS GOT VAPORIZED, I THOUGHT THAT WAS IT!
Er... GLAD TO MEET YOU?
OH, YOU WON'T BE! I WAS AFRAID I HAD MISSED MY CHANCE TO DESTROY YOU!
CHOMP
TARGET ACQUIRED!
HEDGEHOG: PRIORITY ONE!

GREAT GOOGLY-MOOGLY! WHAT IS THAT?!
IT'S THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA! IT SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE DISASTER IN ROBOTROPOLIS!
I BUILT THAT?
IN A SENSE-- YOUR PREDECESSOR DID. IT COMBINED MANY OF THE OLDER BADNIKS AND KILLER ROBOT IDEAS INTO ONE MONSTROUS CREATURE.
BUT IT WAS STILL IN THE TESTING STAGES WHEN OUR OLD CITY WAS DESTROYED IN THAT NUCLEAR STRIKE!
A YESTER-YEAR WEAPON THAT CAN SURVIVE ALL THATZ I WANT TO KNOW MORE...

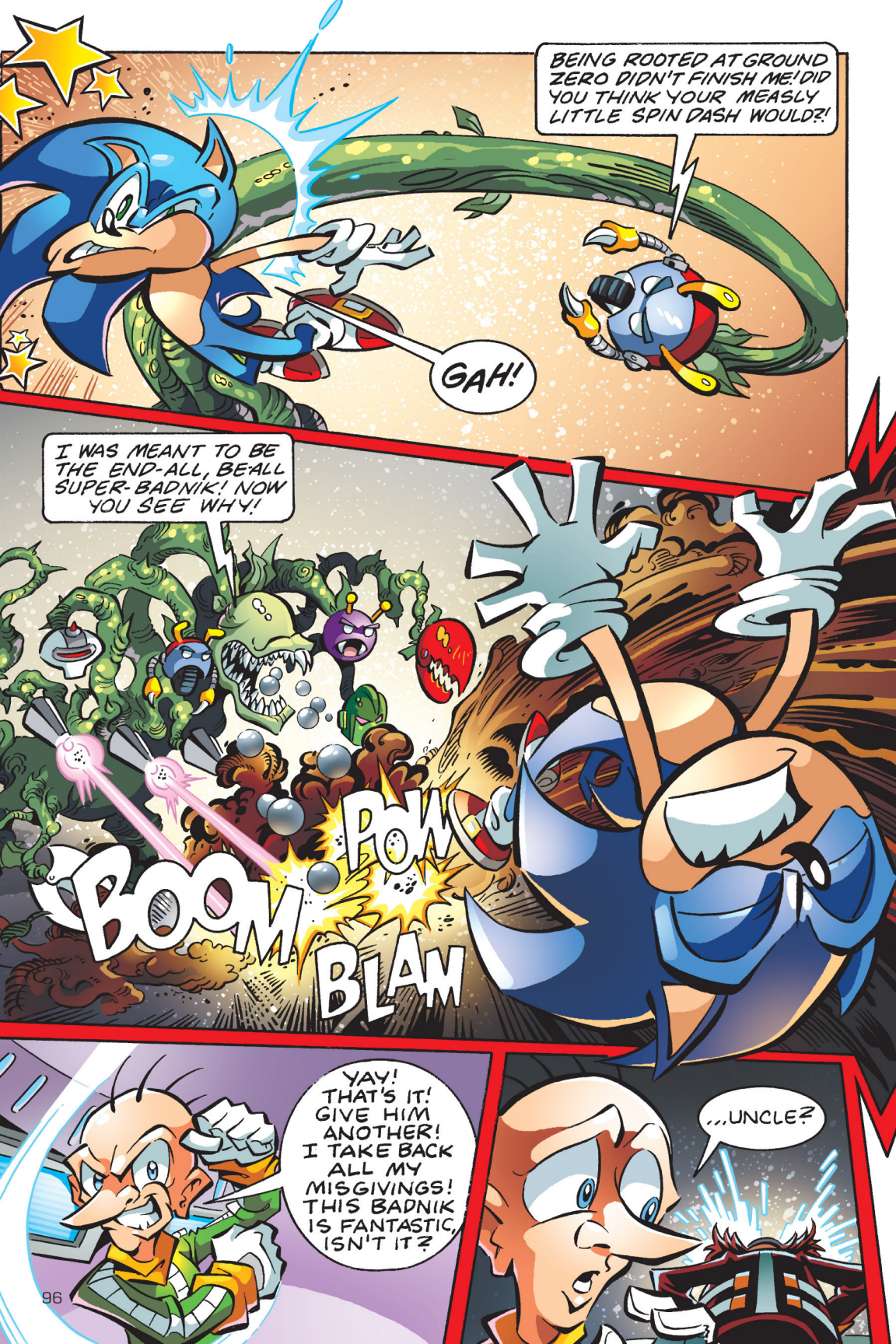
WHILE I ENJOY THE RETRO FEEL, HOW COULD YOU HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST?
YES! KEEP QUESTIONING HIM, HEDGEHOG!
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...
WHOP
I BURROWED MY WAY TO SAFETY, AND LIKE THE HYDRA OF LEGEND, RE-GREW INTO THE FEARSOME CREATURE YOU-- HEY!
I'M NARRATING HERE!
I ALMOST DIDN'T! ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF ME AFTER THE ATTACK WAS ONE TINY ROOT BURIED DEEP IN THE EARTH.

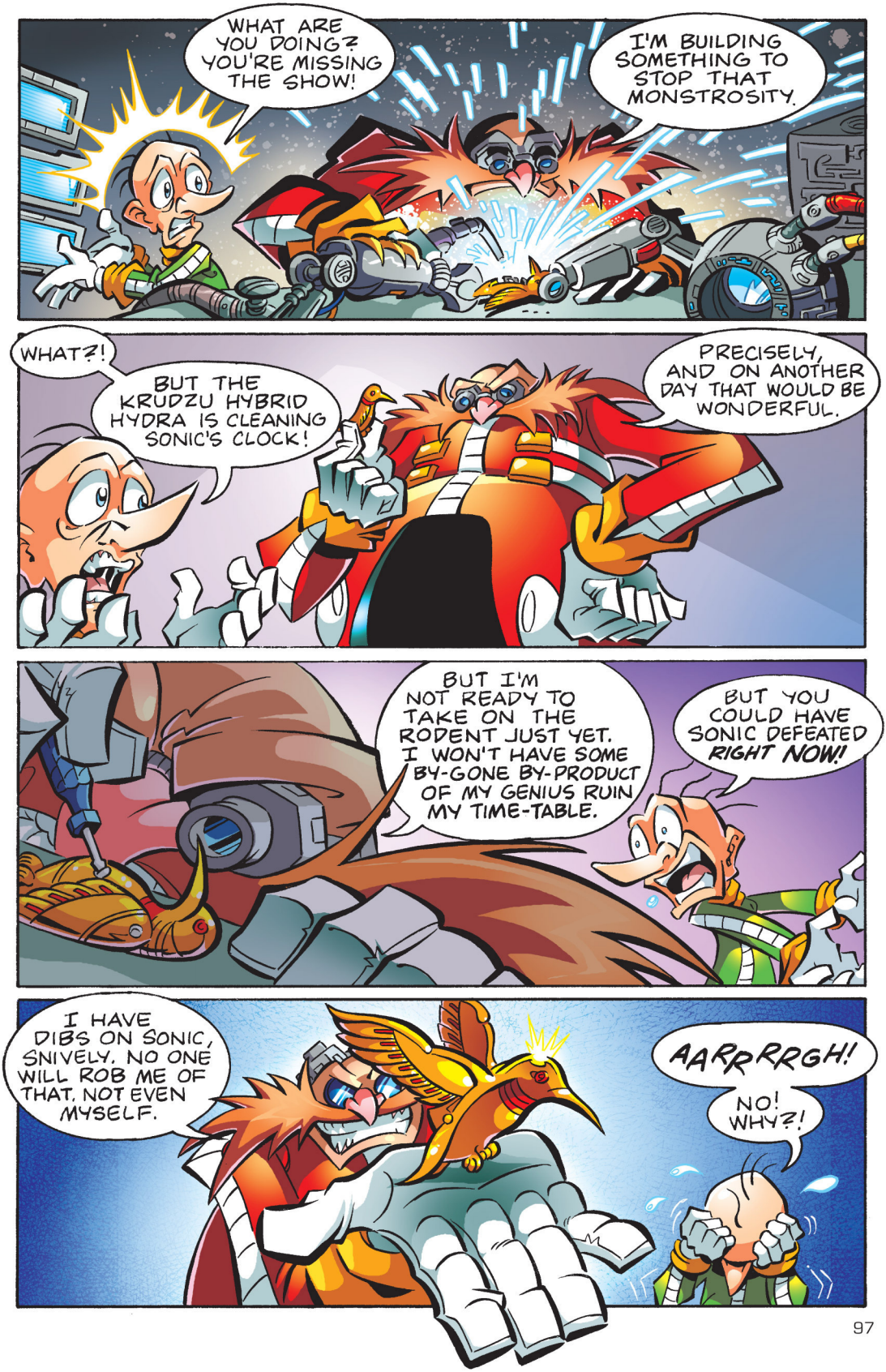
I FOUND PIECES OF OLD BADNIKS AND INCORPORATED THEM INTO MYSELF.
SO YOU SEE, I AM THE PERFECT BAD-NIK! I CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED! AND ANY FALLEN ROBOT ONLY MAKES ME STRONGER!
BRILLIANT! SIMPLY BRILLIANT!
SNIVELY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS THING SOONER?!
ASIDE FROM THE FACT I THOUGHT IT WAS GONE?
YOU DIDN'T ASK.

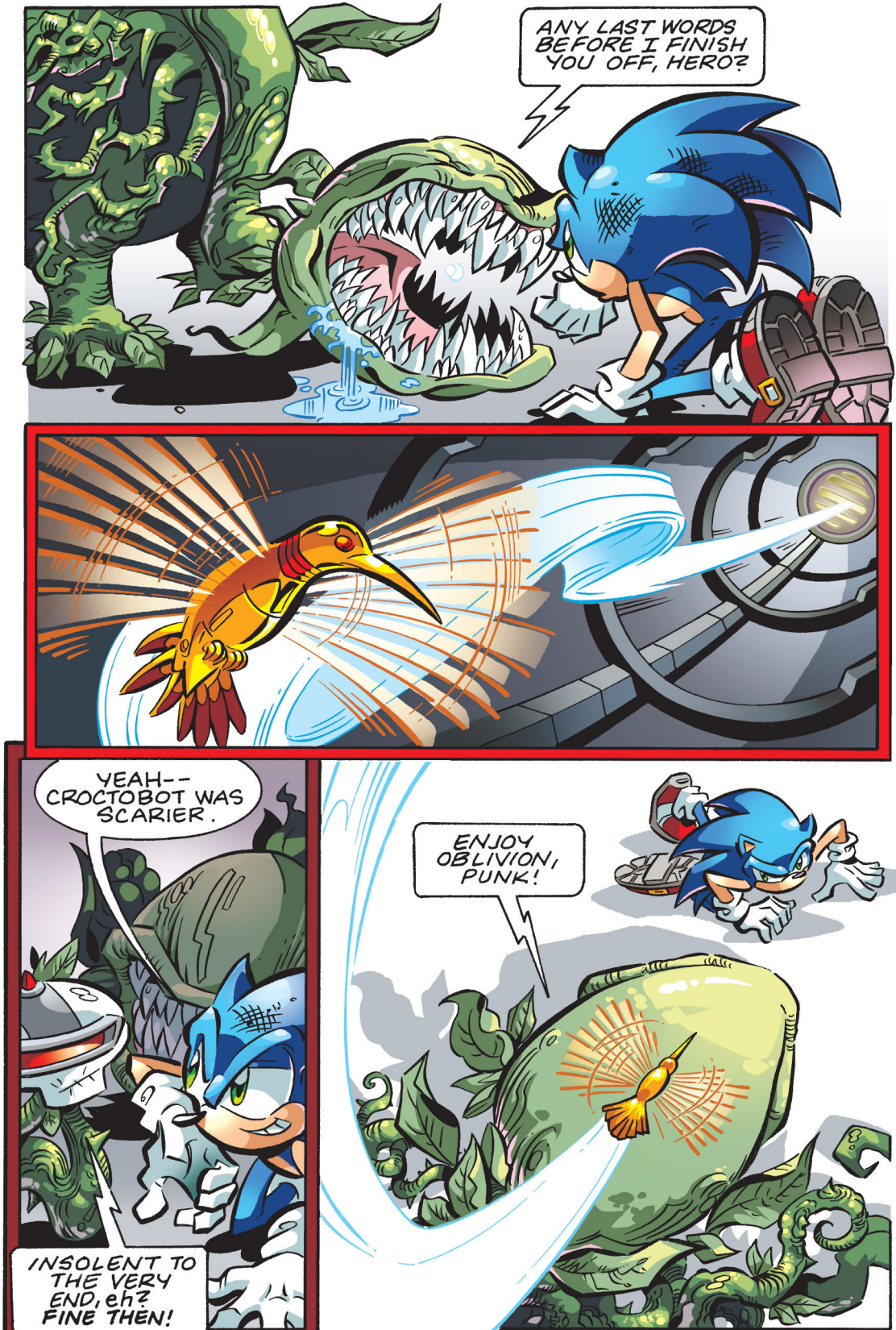
WELL, IT'S DISAPPOINTING I COULDN'T FIND THE DOC, BUT ONE OF HIS CLASSIC ROBOTS IS A NICE CONSOLATION PRIZE.
NICE?! WHAT'S NICE ABOUT--
SQARK
HIS LATEST BADNIKS ARE KIND OF BLAH. AND THE DARK EGG LEGION JUST ISN'T HIS STYLE.
CALL ME OLD FASHIONED, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT THAT OLD SCHOOL FLAIR.


I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS!
THAT'S AN OLD CRABMEAT CLAW!
AND THOSE ARE BALLHOG BOMBS, RIGHTZ.
THE STANDARD ISSUE SWAT-BOT BLASTER AND -- OH WOW!
--YOU'VE EVEN GOT A BURROWBOT DRILL!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DELIGHTED! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE TERRIFIED!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE STILL HIDEOUSLY UGLY. AND YOU'RE ALL THE ENEMIES FROM MY CHILDHOOD, WHICH IS KINDA CREEPY.

BUT ENOUGH BEING SENTIMENTAL.
YOU'RE STILL A BADNIK, AND YOU KNOW WHAT I DO WITH BADNIKS, RIGHT?
ULP!
BLLLZ
AND THAT'S THAT. JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, ALL RIGHT!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG...


BEING ROOTED AT GROUND ZERO DIDN'T FINISH ME! DID YOU THINK YOUR MEASLY LITTLE SPIN DASH WOULD?!
GAH!
I WAS MEANT TO BE THE END-ALL, BE-ALL SUPER-BADNIK! NOW YOU SEE WHY!
BOOM
POW
BLAM
YAY! THAT'S IT! GIVE HIM ANOTHER! I TAKE BACK ALL MY MISGIVINGS! THIS BADNIK IS FANTASTIC, ISN'T IT?
...UNCLE?


WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE MISSING THE SHOW!
I'M BUILDING SOMETHING TO STOP THAT MONSTROSITY.
WHAT?!
BUT THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA IS CLEANING SONIC'S CLOCK!
PRECISELY, AND ON ANOTHER DAY THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.
BUT I'M NOT READY TO TAKE ON THE RODENT JUST YET. I WON'T HAVE SOME BY-GONE BY-PRODUCT OF MY GENIUS RUIN MY TIME-TABLE.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE SONIC DEFEATED RIGHT NOW!
I HAVE DIBS ON SONIC, SNIVELY. NO ONE WILL ROB ME OF THAT, NOT EVEN MYSELF.
AARRRGH!
NO! WHY?!

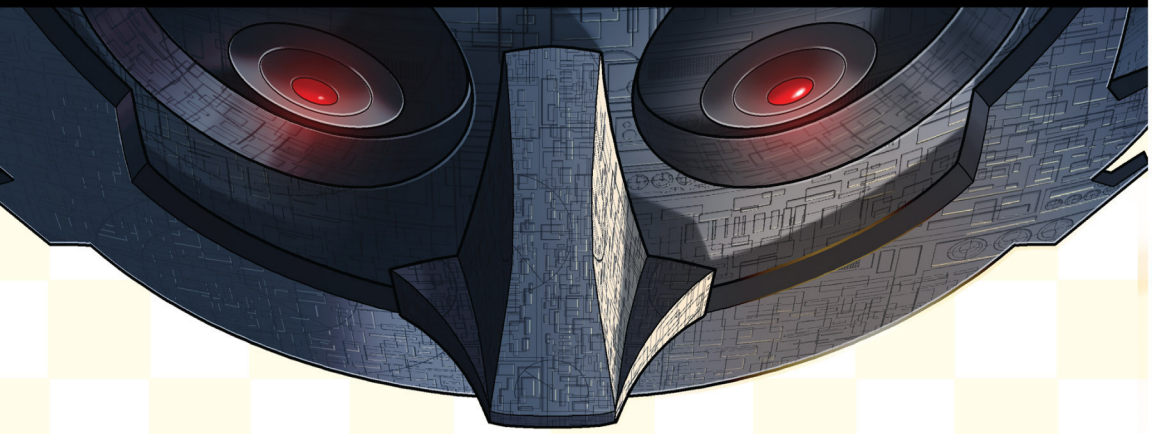

ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF, HERO?
YEAH-- CROCTOBOT WAS SCARIER.
INSOLENT TO THE VERY END, eh? FINE THEN!
ENJOY OBLIVION, PUNK!

DINK!
KA-BLAM
POKE

Huh.
SO THE SUPER-BADNIK THAT SURVIVES A NUKE SUDDENLY SHORTS OUT AND SELF-DESTRUCTS?
ALL WHILE I'M IN EGGMAN'S "ABANDONED" BASE, LEAVING ME TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY?
YEAH, I'M SURE THIS IS ALL ONE BIG COINCIDENCE.
BUT AFTER ALL THAT, I'M POOPED. I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT THE DOC EVEN IF I DID MANAGE TO FIND HIM.
I KNOW YOU'RE IN HERE SOMEWHERE, DOC.
I WILL BE BACK, I WILL FIND YOU AND I WILL FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.

OH, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FIRST, RODENT.
BUT THE LATTER TWO ARE UP TO ME.
"FAREWELL, SONIC. REST ASSURED THAT OUR NEXT TRUE ENCOUNTER WILL BE A MEMORABLE ONE!"
THE KRUDZU-HYBRID-HYDRA HAS BEEN DEFEATED -- BUT WHAT OF DR. EGGMAN? WHAT SINISTER SECRET IS THE DOCTOR HIDING WITHIN THE EVIL EGG DOME?
READ ON TO FIND OUT!

PREVIOUSLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG



EGGMAN RETURNS

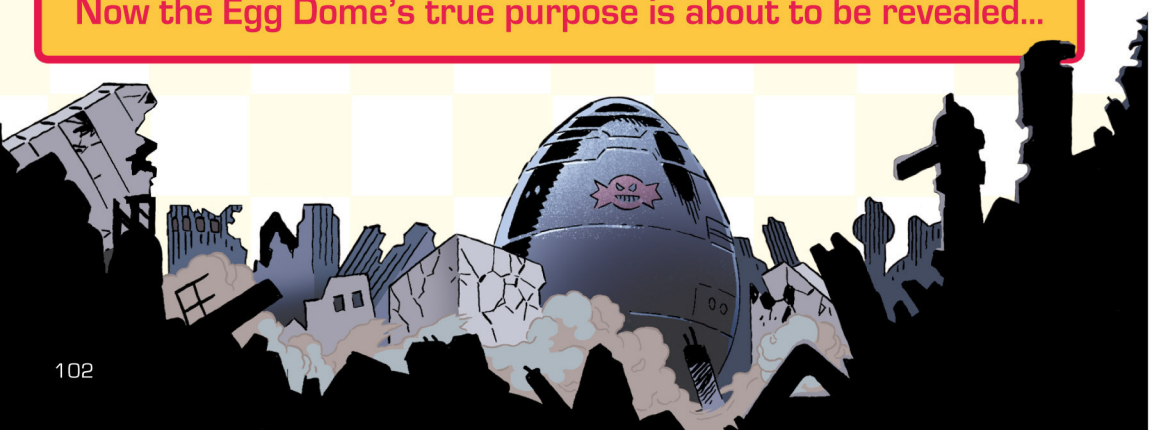
One defeat too many at the hands of Sonic the Hedgehog had driven the Eggman to insanity! But in the chaos that ensued between the Freedom Fighters and the Iron Dominion, Dr. Eggman escaped! What was once a babbling, drooling shell of a man had "reasoned" his way back to sanity. Every failure, setback and defeat -- all at the hands of Sonic -- suddenly made sense.

Taking Snively and "what was left" of his subordinate LIEN-DA, he snuck into the darkest corners of the EggDome and began to work in the shadows...

With Sonic's attention turned inward to deal with the return of the villainous wizard, Ixis Naugus, our hero was forced to put his search for the Eggman on hold... And now, "The Doctor is in!"

Since the fall of the IRON DOMINION the doctor's cyborg army, THE DARK EGG LEGION, began constructing massive docking stations across the planet. But why? What was EGGMAN doing all this time? With the BLUE CHAOS EMERALD powering its core, Eggman has finished his greatest creation.

Now the Egg Dome's true purpose is about to be revealed...



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REMATCH!
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+HERBS.
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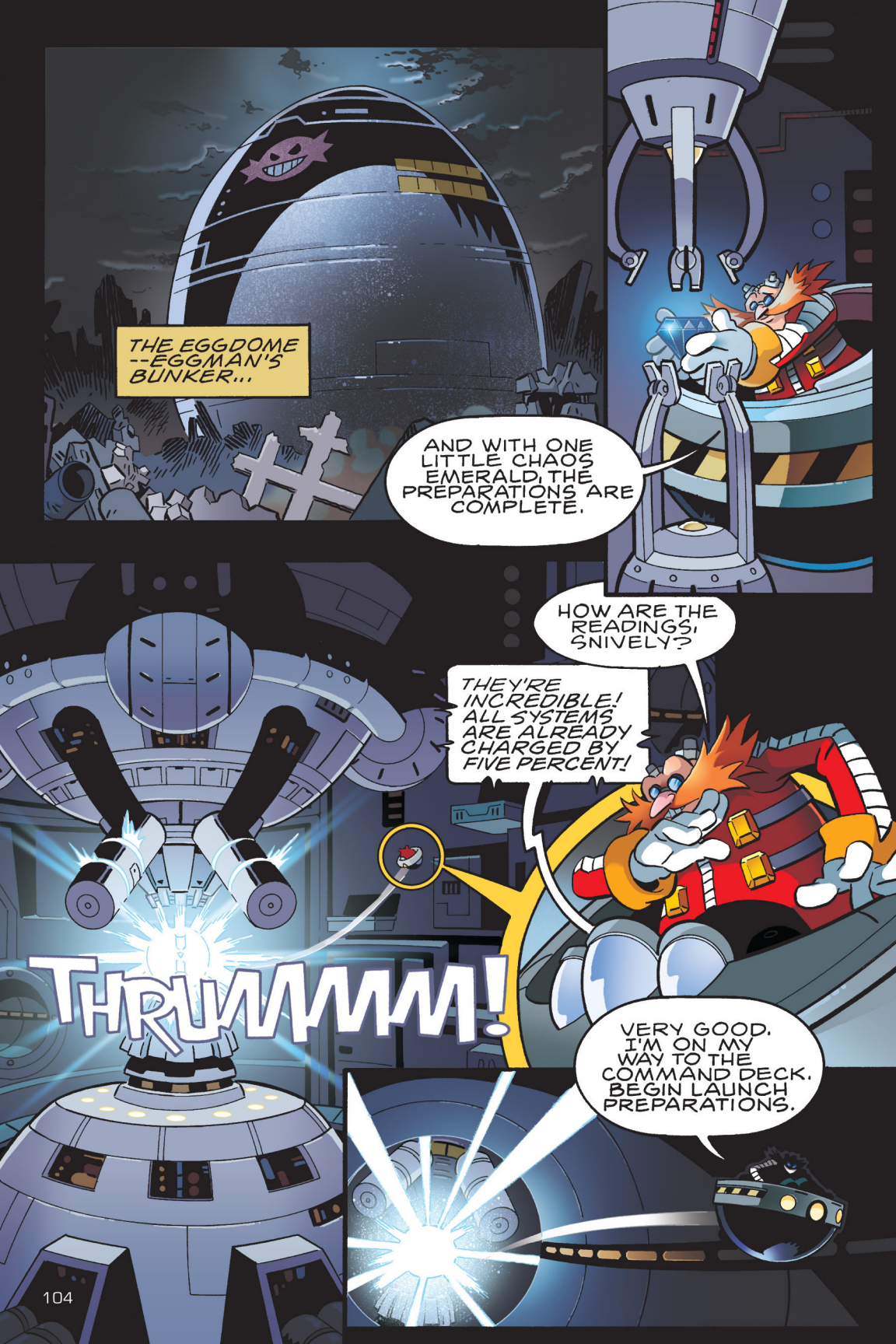
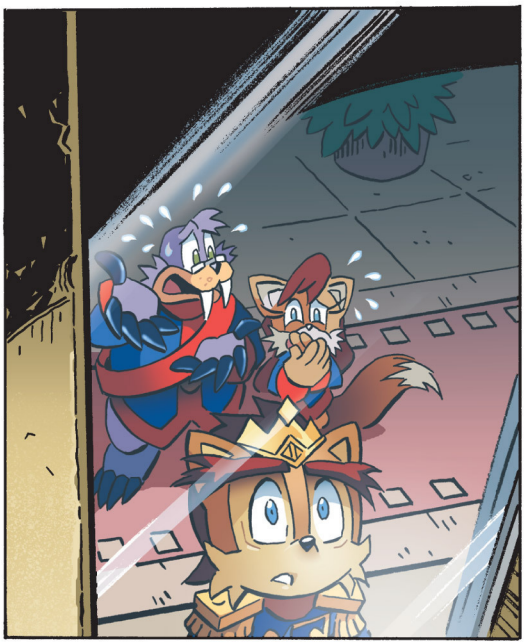

THE EGGDOME --EGGMAN'S BUNKER...
AND WITH ONE LITTLE CHAOS EMERALD, THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
HOW ARE THE READINGS, SNIVELY?
THEY'RE INCREDIBLE! ALL SYSTEMS ARE ALREADY CHARGED BY FIVE PERCENT!
THRUMMMMM!
VERY GOOD. I'M ON MY WAY TO THE COMMAND DECK. BEGIN LAUNCH PREPARATIONS.

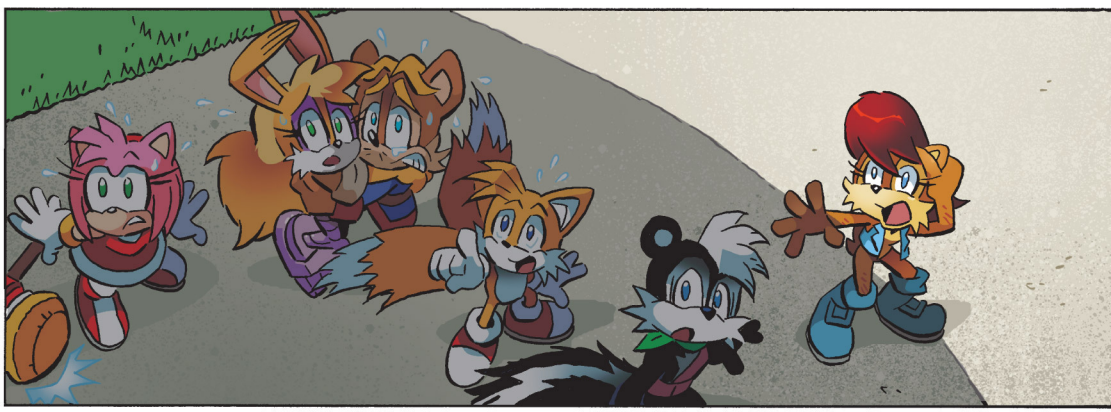
DISABLED
EGG TOTEM
DESTROYED
SNIVELY! LIEN-DA! REPORT!
ALL SYSTEMS ARE ONLINE AND ENGINES ARE FULLY POWERED.
STAGE ONE OF "OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP" IS CHARGED TO FIFTEEN PERCENT.
MARVELOUS! SIMPLY MARVELOUS!
COUNT DOWN 00:10:00
BEGIN THE COUNT-DOWN!
ARE YOU SURE? SHOULDN'T WE WAIT UNTIL STAGE ONE IS AT LEAST--
SHUT UP, SNIVELY. IT'S TIME TO RE-MAKE THIS WORLD IN MY IMAGE.
00:03:00

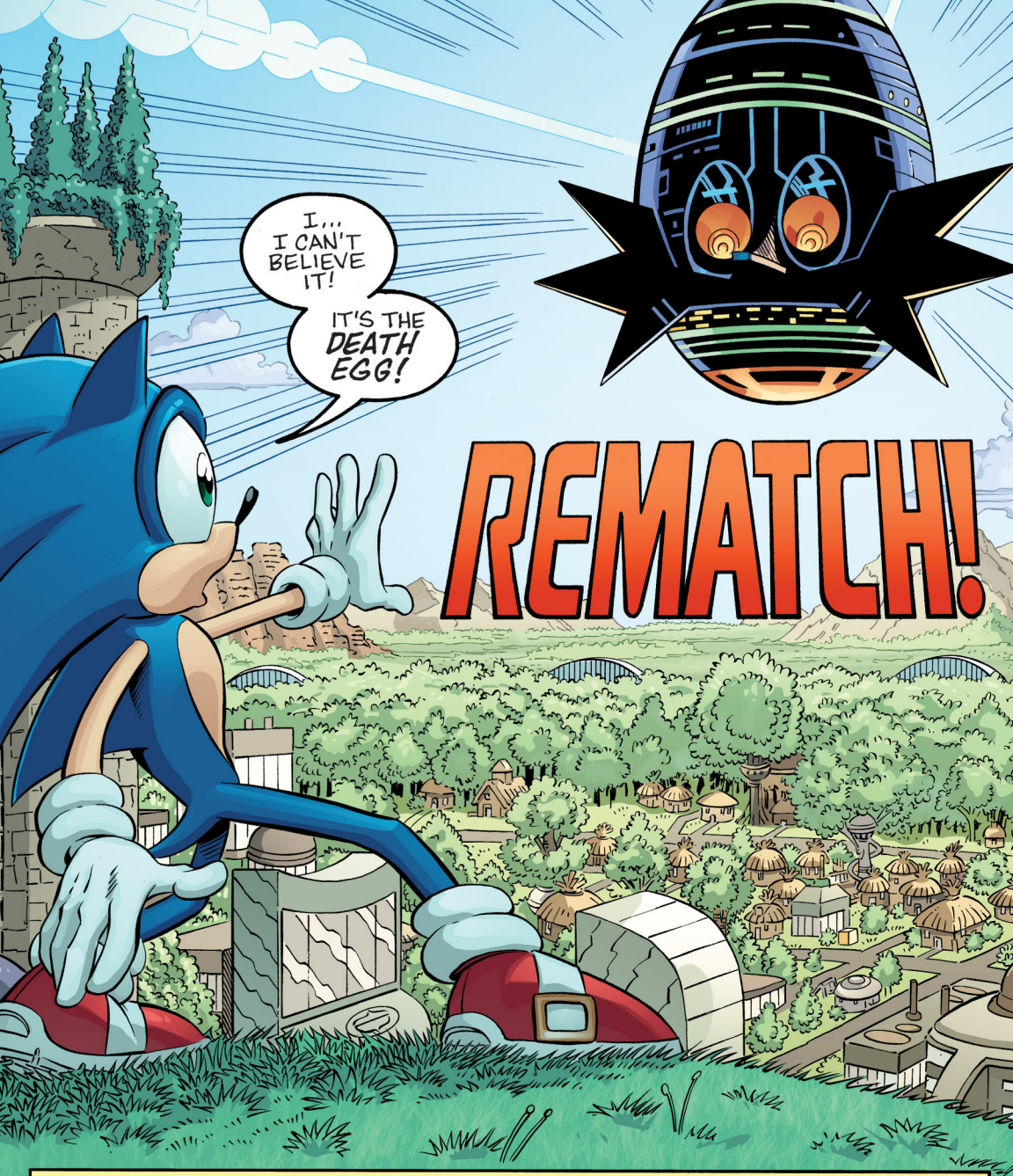
NASAL SENSORY ARRAY DE-PLOYING...
OCULAR SHUTTERS OPENING...
VENTRAL ENGINES BEGINNING PRELIMINARY BURN...
VVVRRRMMMMM!
RRRRUMMBLE!
00:02:00

RRUMBLE
KRA-KA-BLAOOSH!
00:01:00
RRWHOOOSH
LAUNCH

MILES AWAY-- NEW MOBOTROPOLIS
rrrrrrrumble!
THIS IS HECTIC ENOUGH WITH-OUT YOU MAKING EARTHQUAKES!
THAT... WAS NOT MY DOING.
NOR WAS IT AN EARTH-QUAKE.
SOMETHING SHOOK THE EARTH WITH GREAT FORCE...
...AND FROM A DISTANCE.
DOCTOR EGGMAN?
HE'S BEEN QUIET FOR A LONG TIME. MAYBE...
FINE! WE'LL BREAK FOR NOW! IXIS NOOGIE! DROP THAT CRYSTAL SO I CAN STEP OUTSIDE.
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO--







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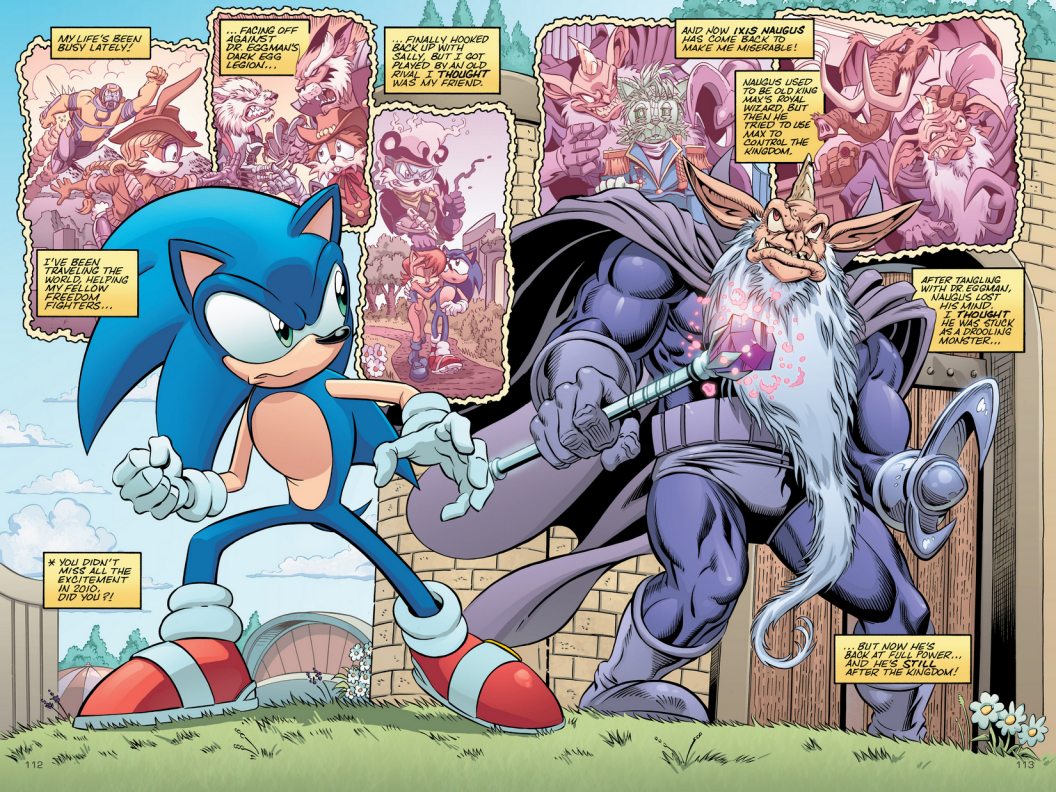
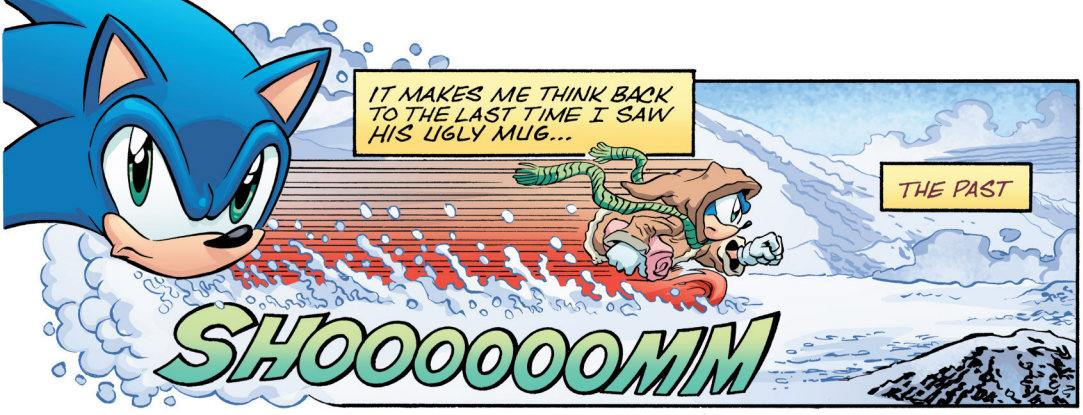
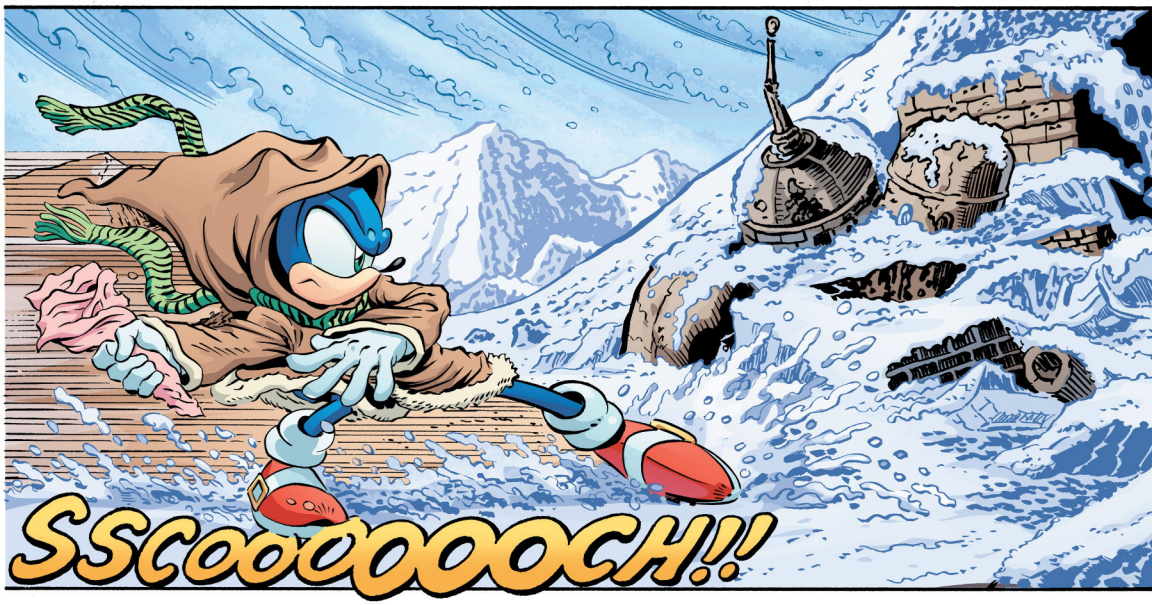

MY LIFE'S BEEN BUSY LATELY!
...FACING OFF AGAINST DR. EGGMAN'S DARK EGG LEGION...
...FINALLY HOOKED BACK UP WITH SALLY, BUT I GOT PLAYED BY AN OLD RIVAL. I THOUGHT WAS MY FRIEND.
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING THE WORLD, HELPING MY FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
* YOU DIDN'T MISS ALL THE EXCITEMENT IN ZOTO, DID YOU?!
AND NOW, IXIS NAUGUS HAS COME BACK TO MAKE ME MISERABLE!
NAUGUS USED TO BE OLD KING MAX'S ROYAL WIZARD, BUT THEN HE TRIED TO USE MAX TO CONTROL THE KINGDOM.
AFTER TANGLING WITH DR. EGGMAN, NAUGUS LOST HIS MIND. I THOUGHT HE WAS STUCK AS A DROOLING MONSTER...
...BUT NOW HE'S BACK AT FULL POWER... AND HE'S STILL AFTER THE KINGDOM!


IT MAKES ME THINK BACK TO THE LAST TIME I SAW HIS UGLY MUG...
THE PAST
SHOOOOOOMM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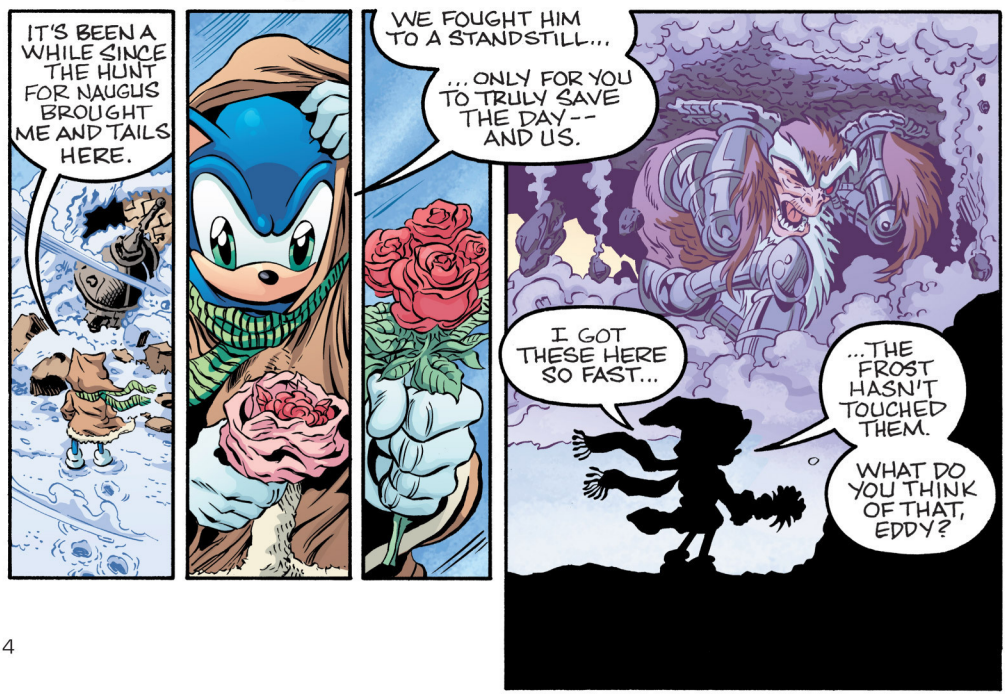
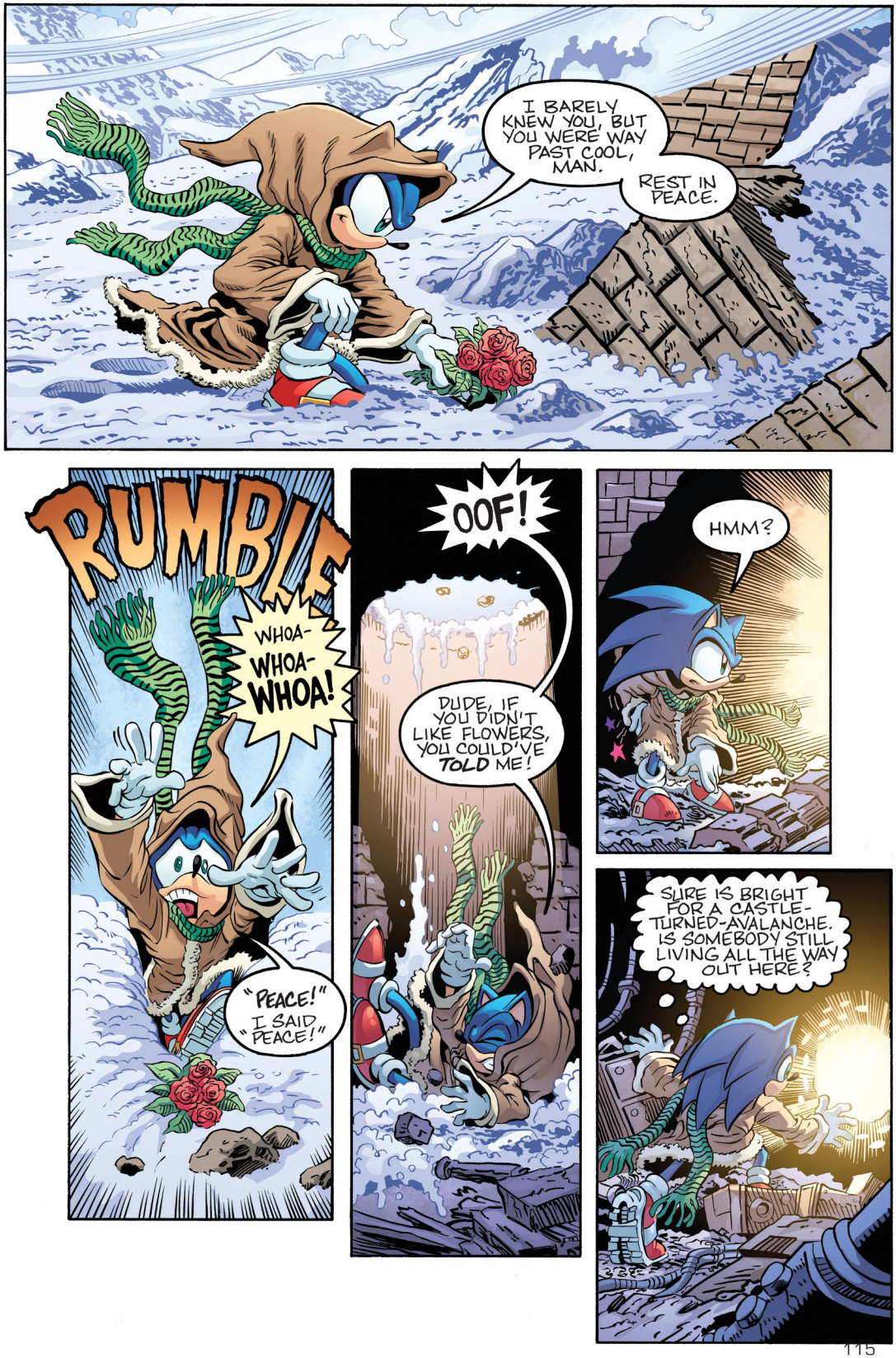
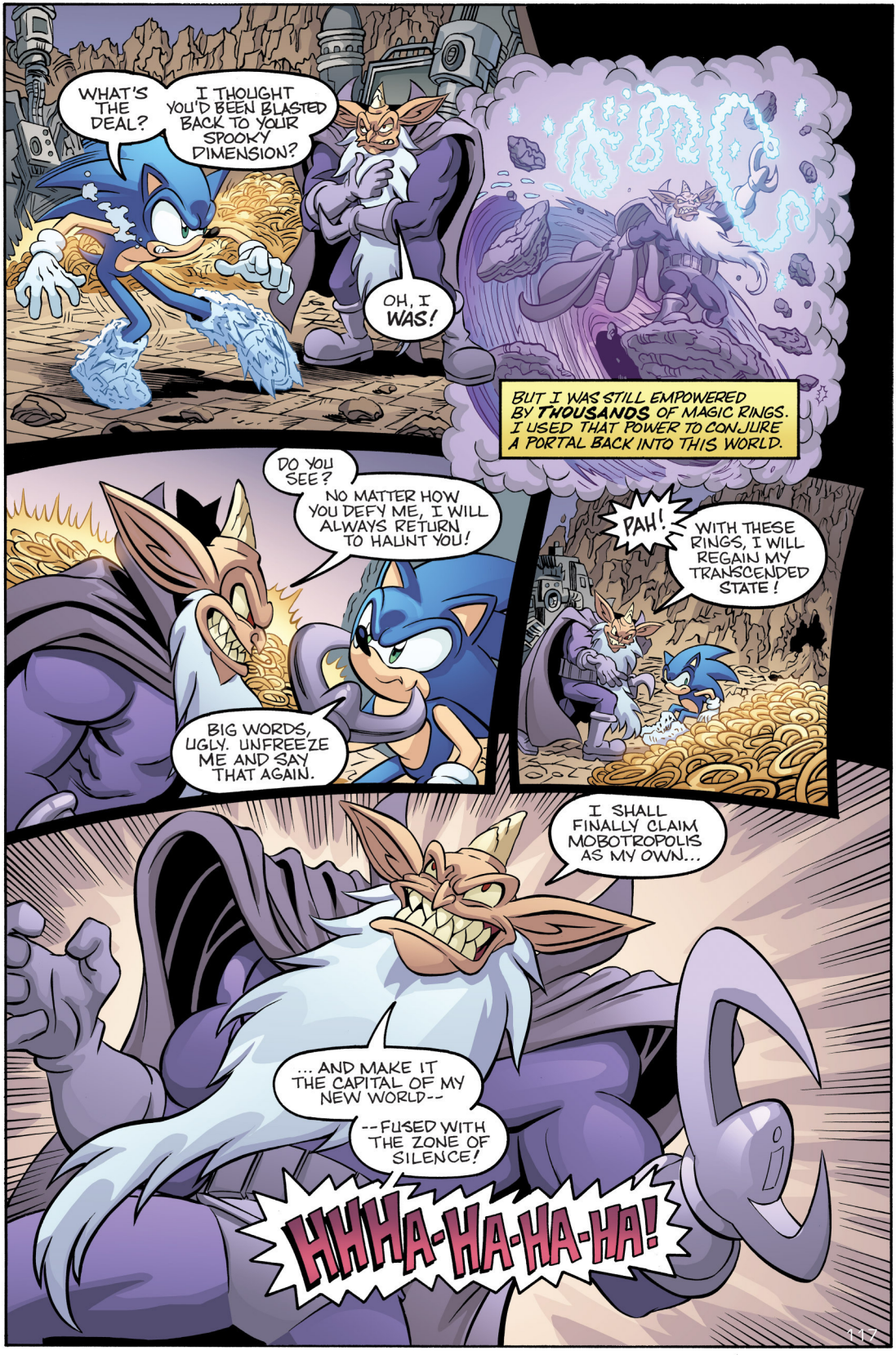
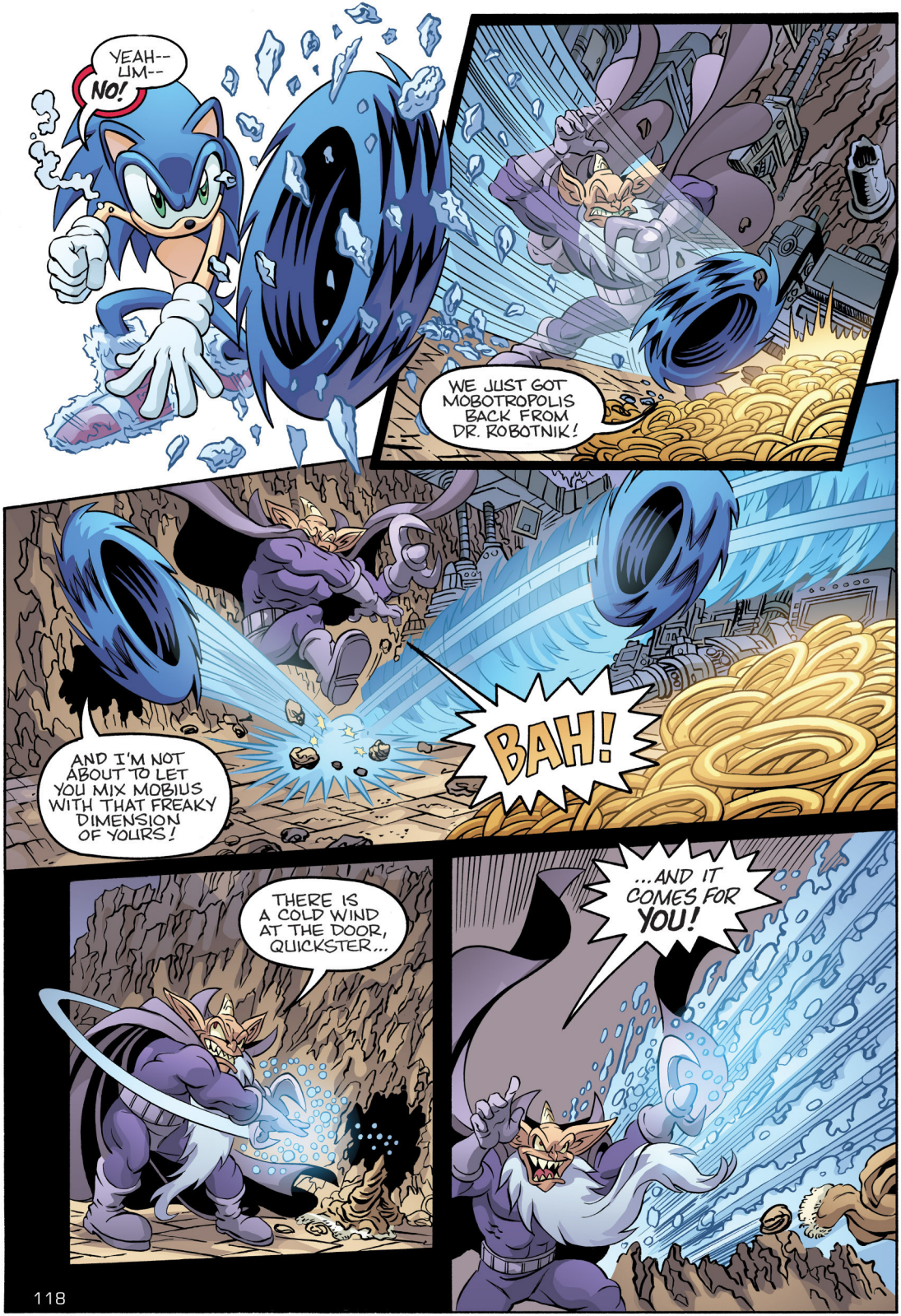
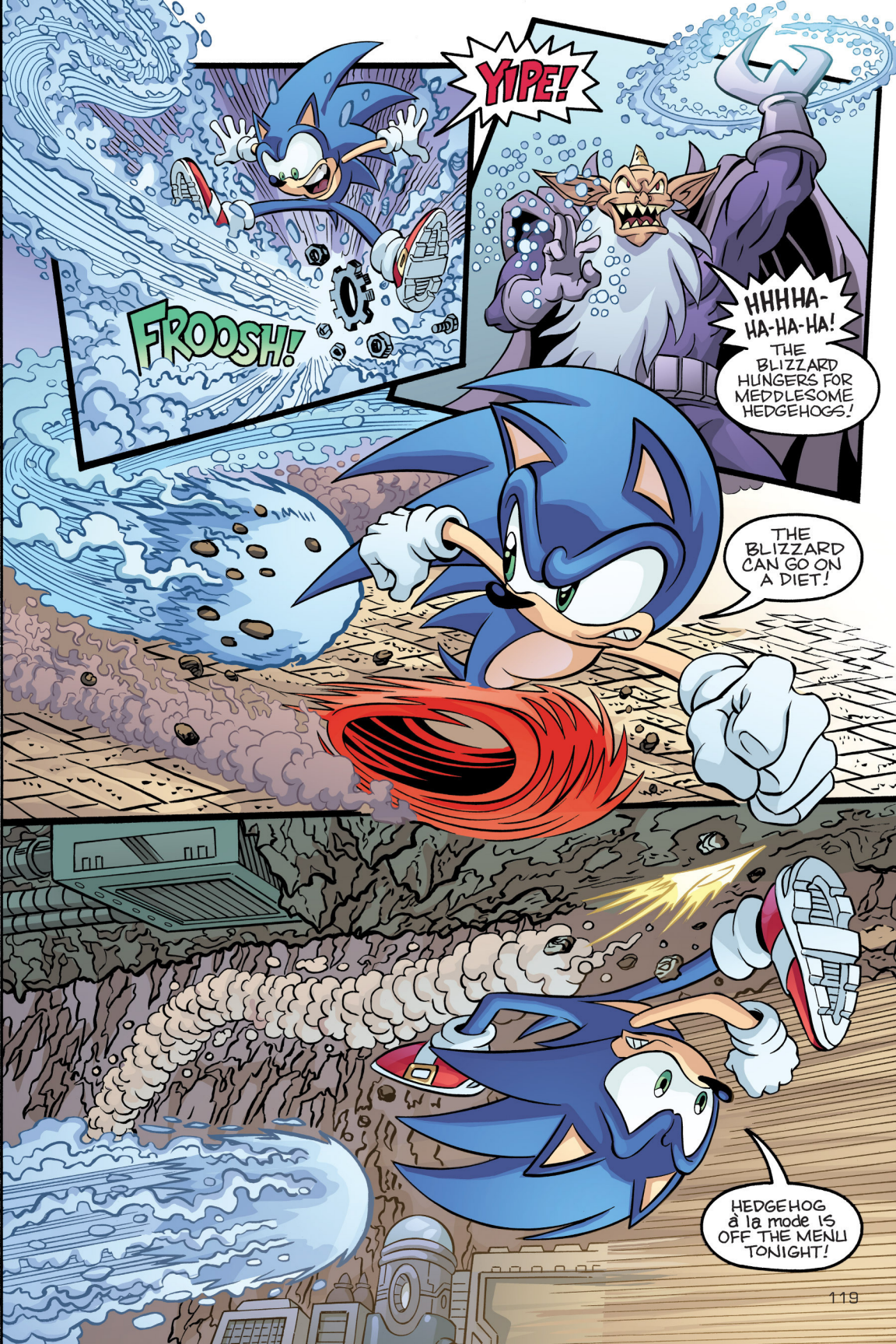

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE HUNT FOR NAUGUS BROUGHT ME AND TAILS HERE.
WE FOUGHT HIM TO A STANDSTILL...
... ONLY FOR YOU TO TRULY SAVE THE DAY-- AND US.
I GOT THESE HERE SO FAST...
...THE FROST HASN'T TOUCHED THEM.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT, EDDY?


I BARELY KNEW YOU, BUT YOU WERE WAY PAST COOL, MAN.
REST IN PEACE.
RUMBLE
WHOA-WHOA-WHOA!
"PEACE!" I SAID "PEACE!"
OOF!
DUDE, IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE FLOWERS, YOU COULD'VE TOLD ME!
HMM?
SURE IS BRIGHT FOR A CASTLE-TURNED-AVALANCHE. IS SOMEBODY STILL LIVING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?

OH!
IT'S THE LEFTOVERS FROM ALL OF NATE MORGAN'S RING-SMITHING!
I THOUGHT WE'D USED THEM ALL UP IN OUR FIGHT WITH...
...IXIS NAUGUS?!
NO WAY!
NO TIME TO WASTE!
HEY, GRUESOME!
LONG TIME NO--
ACK!
RIPP!
THE QUICKSTER?!
THIS IS GOING WELL.
THEN LET US STILL THOSE TROUBLESOME FEET!

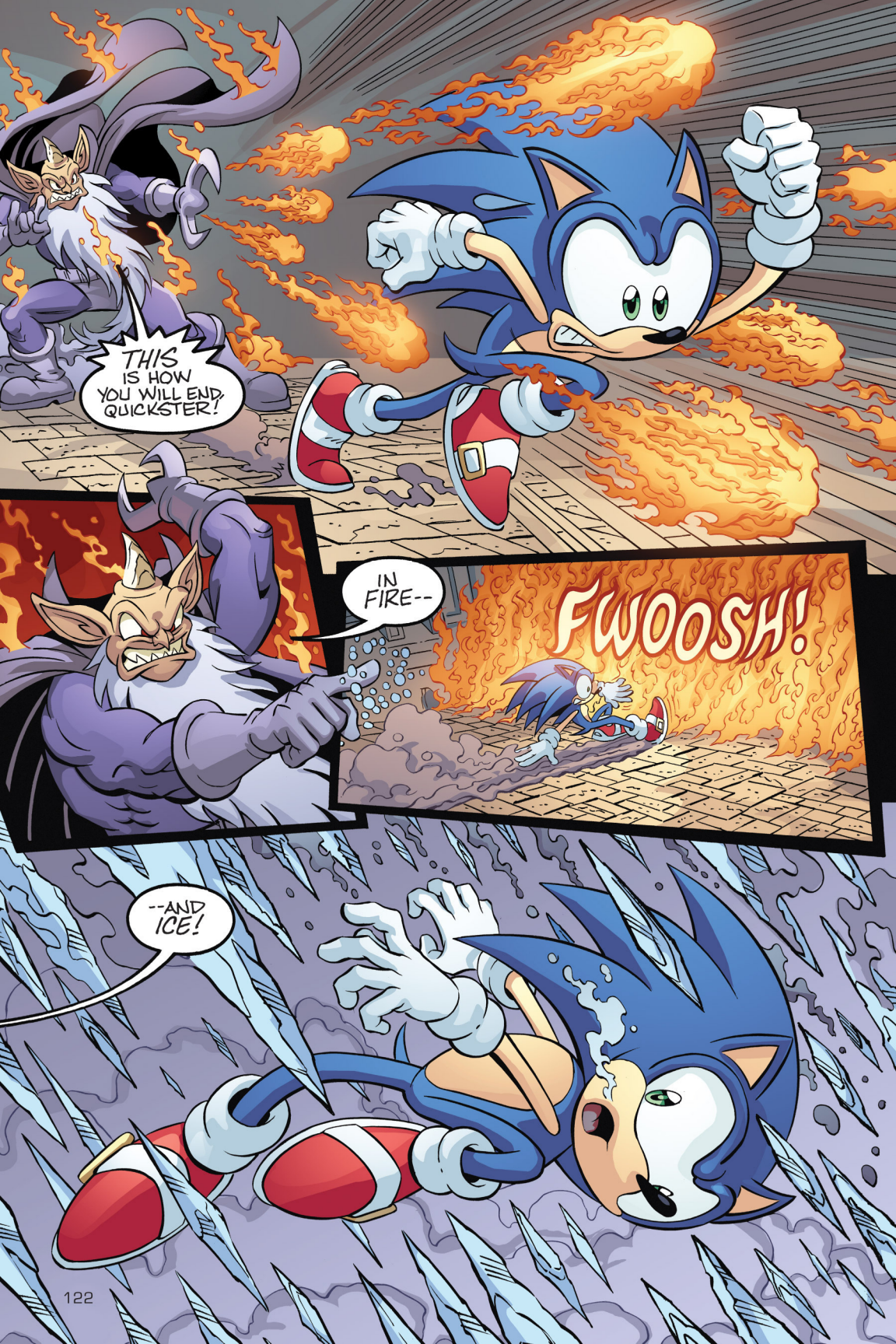

WHAT'S THE DEAL?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN BLASTED BACK TO YOUR SPOOKY DIMENSION?
OH, I WAS!
BUT I WAS STILL EMPOWERED BY THOUSANDS OF MAGIC RINGS. I USED THAT POWER TO CONJURE A PORTAL BACK INTO THIS WORLD.
PAH!
WITH THESE RINGS, I WILL REGAIN MY TRANSCENDED STATE!
DO YOU SEE?
NO MATTER HOW YOU DEFY ME, I WILL ALWAYS RETURN TO HAUNT YOU!
BIG WORDS, UGLY. UNFREEZE ME AND SAY THAT AGAIN.
I SHALL FINALLY CLAIM MOBOTROPOLIS AS MY OWN...
... AND MAKE IT THE CAPITAL OF MY NEW WORLD--
--FUSED WITH THE ZONE OF SILENCE!
HHHA-HA-HA-HA!

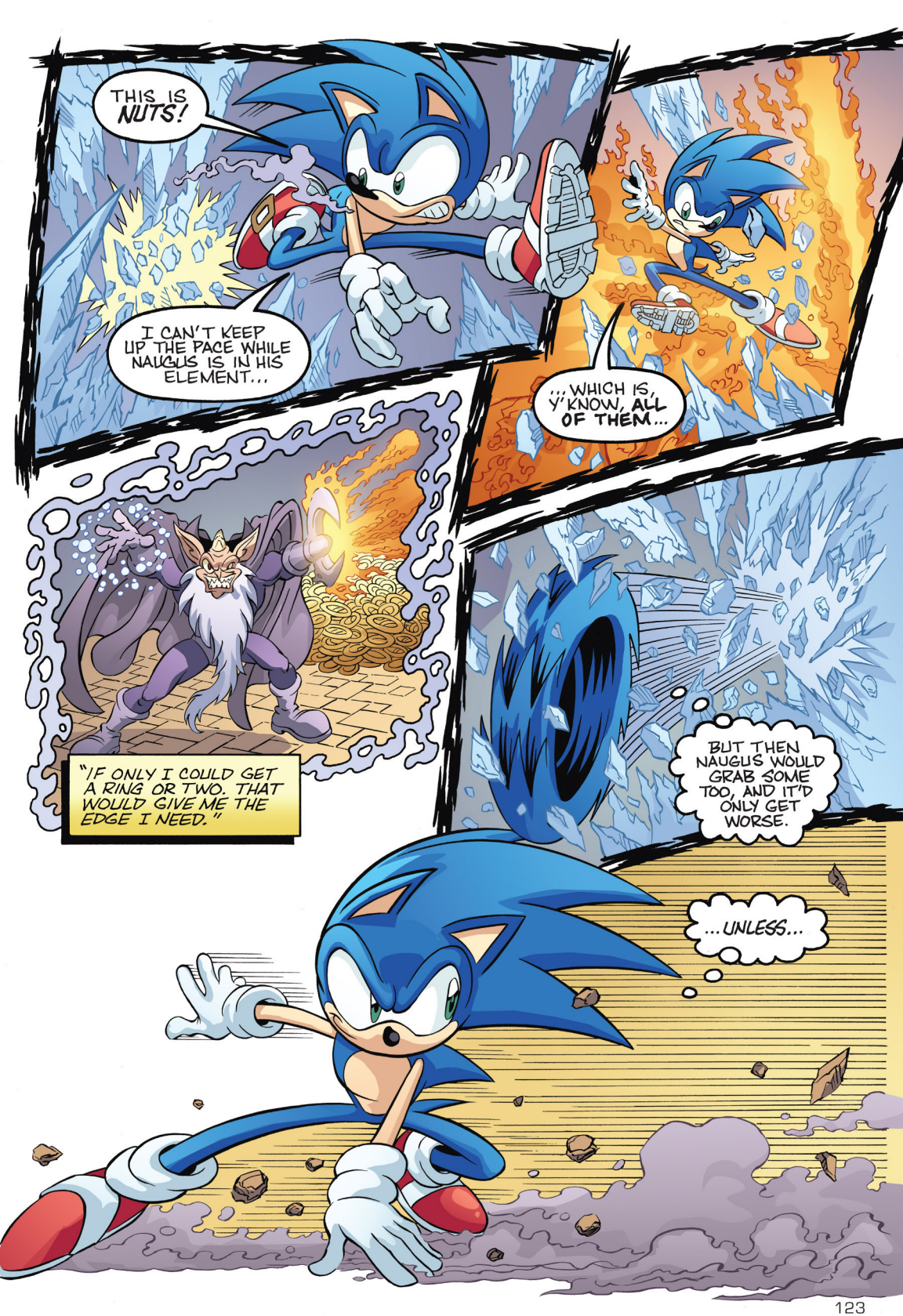

YEAH-- UM-- NO!
WE JUST GOT MOBOTROPOLIS BACK FROM DR. ROBOTNIK!
BAH!
AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU MIX MOBIUS WITH THAT FREAKY DIMENSION OF YOURS!
THERE IS A COLD WIND AT THE DOOR, QUICKSTER...
...AND IT COMES FOR YOU!


YIPE!
FROOSH!
HHHHA-HA-HA-HA! THE BLIZZARD HUNGERS FOR MEDDLESOME HEDGEHOGS!
THE BLIZZARD CAN GO ON A DIET!
HEDGEHOG à la mode IS OFF THE MENU TONIGHT!

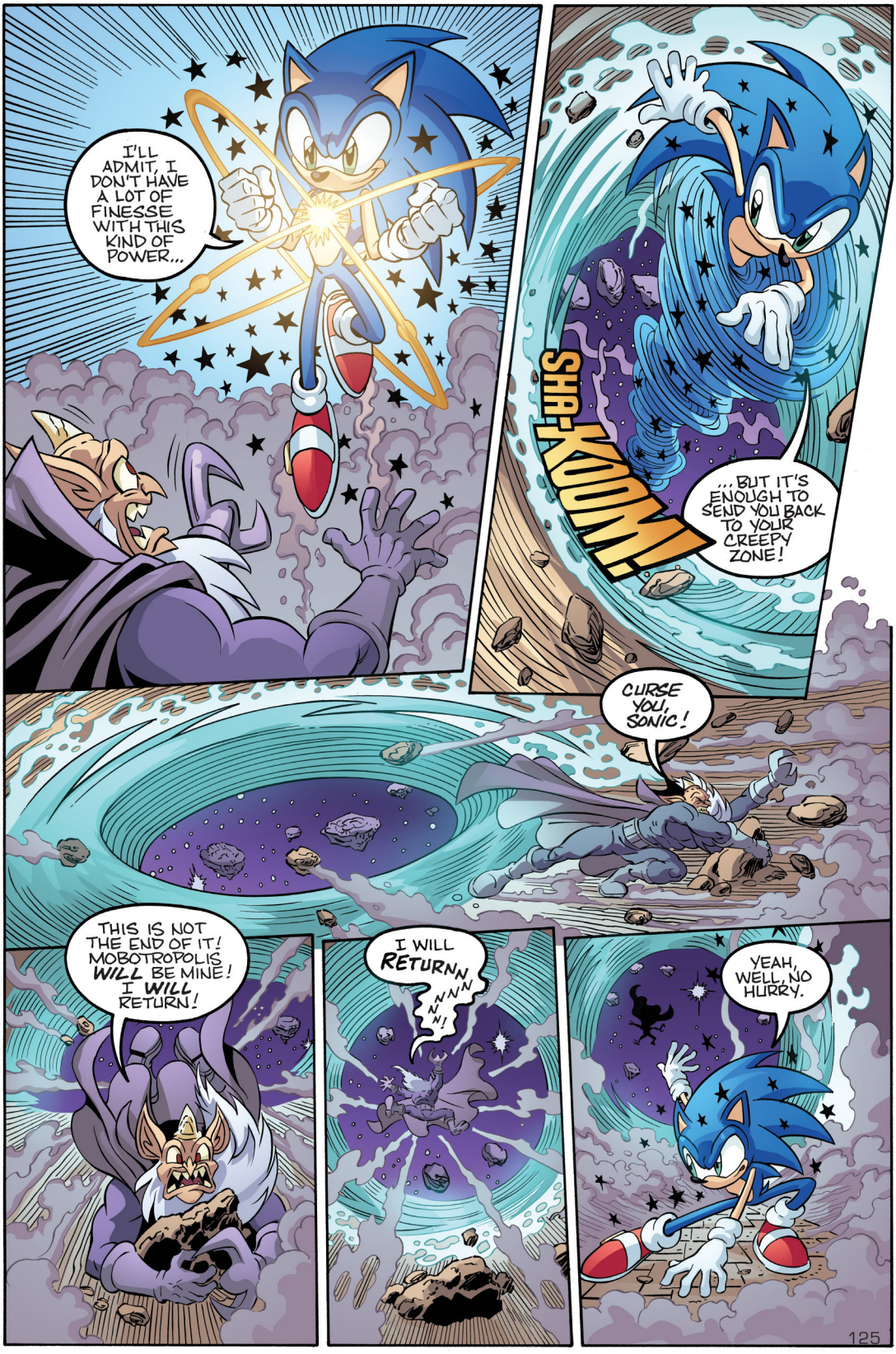
THERE IS NOWHERE TO RUN, QUICKSTER!
NOWHERE TO HIDE!
ACCEPT YOUR ICY TOMB!
NAH...
GRAAAH!
...YOU TAKE IT!

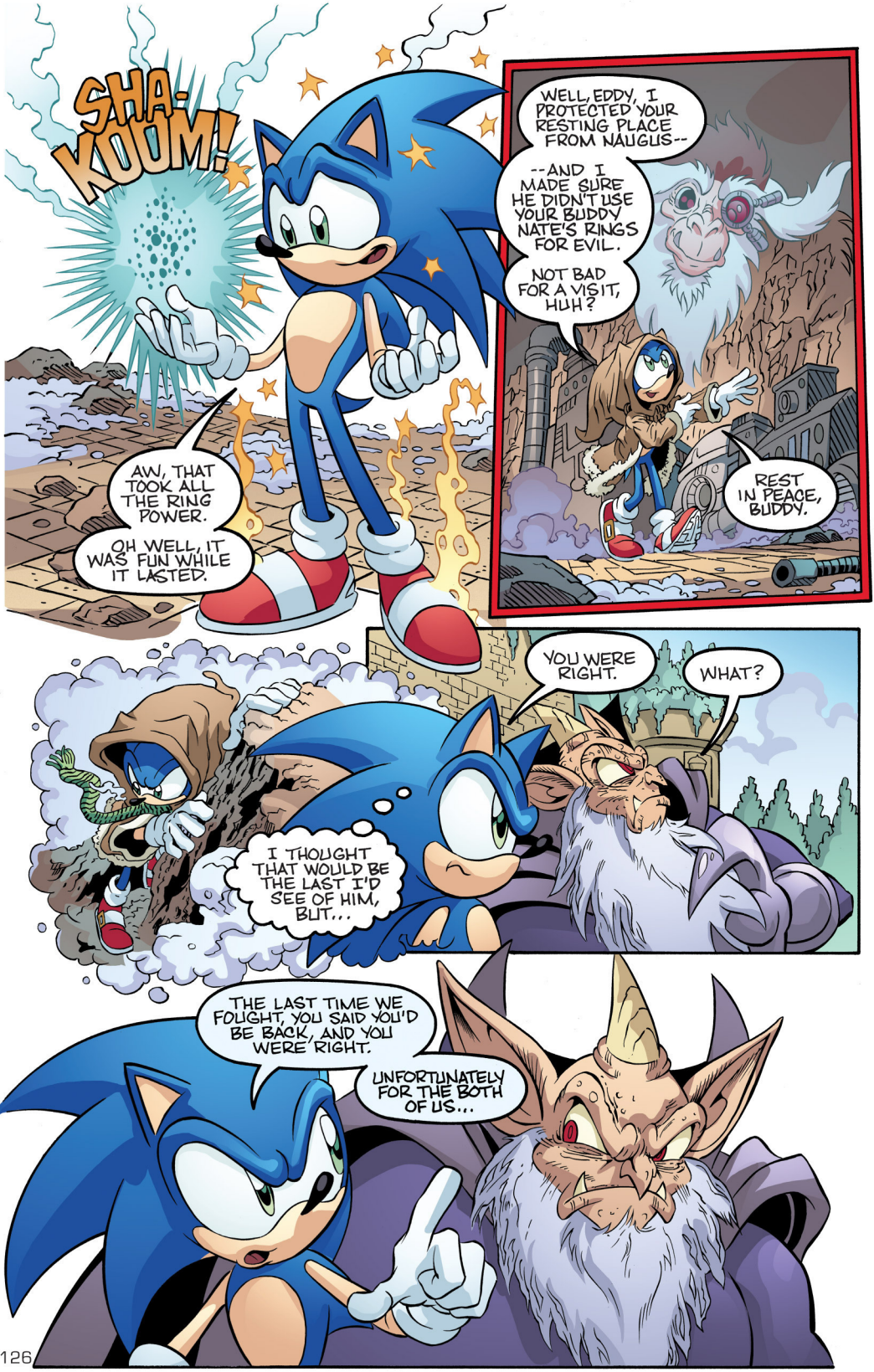
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE COLD-HEARTED, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE CALL YOU NOW?
ICE-ISS NAUGUS?
IXIS NANOOK?
OOH! NAUGUSICLE!
UH-OH.
rrrgh...
RRRRAGH!


THIS IS HOW YOU WILL END, QUICKSTER!
IN FIRE--
FWOOSH!
--AND ICE!


THIS IS NUTS!
I CAN'T KEEP UP THE PACE WHILE NAUGUS IS IN HIS ELEMENT...
...WHICH IS, Y'KNOW, ALL OF THEM...
"IF ONLY I COULD GET A RING OR TWO. THAT WOULD GIVE ME THE EDGE I NEED."
BUT THEN NAUGUS WOULD GRAB SOME TOO, AND IT'D ONLY GET WORSE.
...UNLESS...

ARROGANT WHELP!
UGH!
HEADS-UP, IXIS NOOGIE!
I'M COMIN' RIGHT ATCHA!
I AM IXIS NAUGUS! THE ELEMENTS ARE MINE TO COMMAND!
INCLUDING THE STONE OF THIS VERY MOUNTAIN!
ENJOY YOUR NEW TOMB!
HAHAHAHA!
I WILL, ALONG WITH ALL THE RINGS YOU BURIED WITH ME!
NO!


I'LL ADMIT, I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FINESSE WITH THIS KIND OF POWER...
SHA-KOOM!
...BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR CREEPY ZONE!
CURSE YOU, SONIC!
THIS IS NOT THE END OF IT! MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE MINE! I WILL RETURN!
I WILL RETURNNNNNNN!
YEAH, WELL, NO HURRY.


SHA-KOOM!
AW, THAT TOOK ALL THE RING POWER.
OH WELL, IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.
WELL, EDDY, I PROTECTED YOUR RESTING PLACE FROM NAUGUS--
--AND I MADE SURE HE DIDN'T USE YOUR BUDDY NATE'S RINGS FOR EVIL.
NOT BAD FOR A VISIT, HUH?
REST IN PEACE, BUDDY.
YOU WERE RIGHT.
WHAT?
I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE LAST I'D SEE OF HIM, BUT...
THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, YOU SAID YOU'D BE BACK, AND YOU WERE RIGHT.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE BOTH OF US...

...THE SAME GOES FOR DR. EGGMAN.
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